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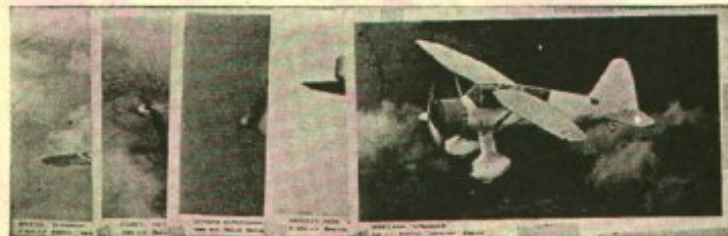
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The PLANETARY ADVENTURES of  
**FLINT  
BAKER**

*This issue* The One-Eyed Monster Men of Mars

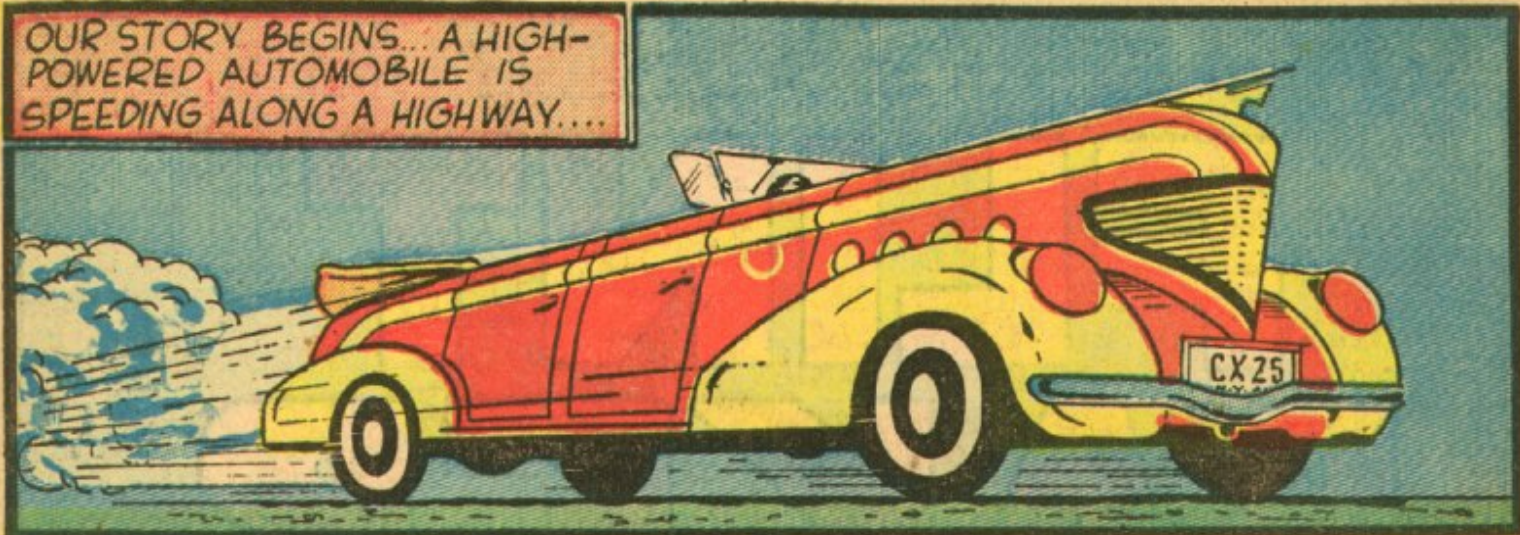
WHEN FLETCHER BAKER'S SCIENTIST FATHER DIED, FLETCHER WAS LEFT WITH THE TASK OF COMPLETING HIS ROCKET SHIP, TO BE SENT TO MARS. NOW IT IS FINISHED, AND IS READY FOR ITS MAGIC FLIGHT!

by  
Dick  
Brierley





OUR STORY BEGINS... A HIGH-POWERED AUTOMOBILE IS SPEEDING ALONG A HIGHWAY....



AT LAST, IT STOPS BEFORE THE GRIM GRAY WALLS OF A STATE PRISON ..



WELL, BAKER. THE GOVERNOR JUST PHONED. IT'S O.K., AND YOU CAN HAVE YOUR MEN



THREE PRISONERS ENTER THE ROOM



GRANT, GODWIN, PARKS; YOU ARE FREE, THANKS TO MR BAKER, HERE--FREE!



I'M FLINT BAKER. NO-I'M NOT OFFERING YOU TOO MUCH FREEDOM. PERHAPS YOU WILL SOON LONG FOR A COMFORTABLE PRISON!

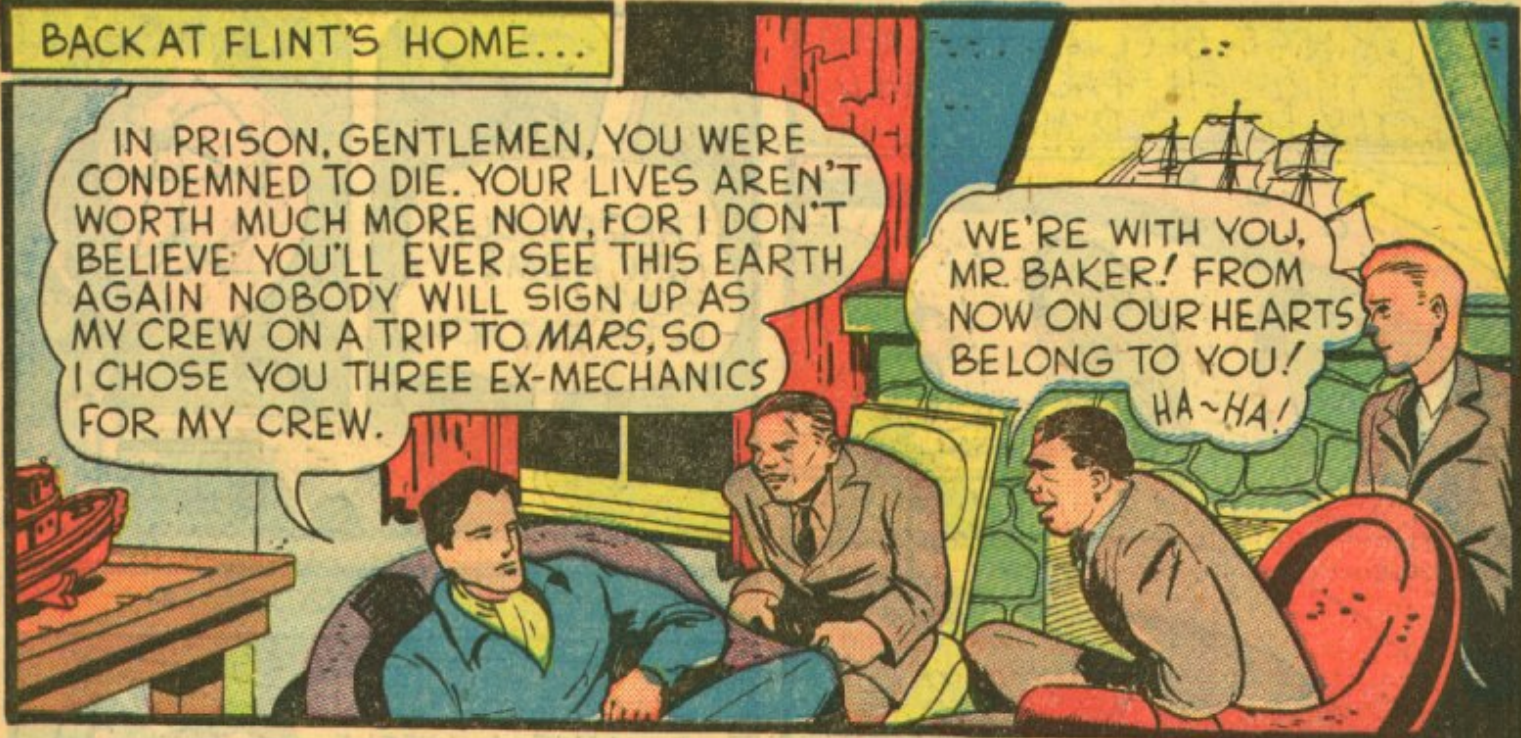




BACK AT FLINT'S HOME...

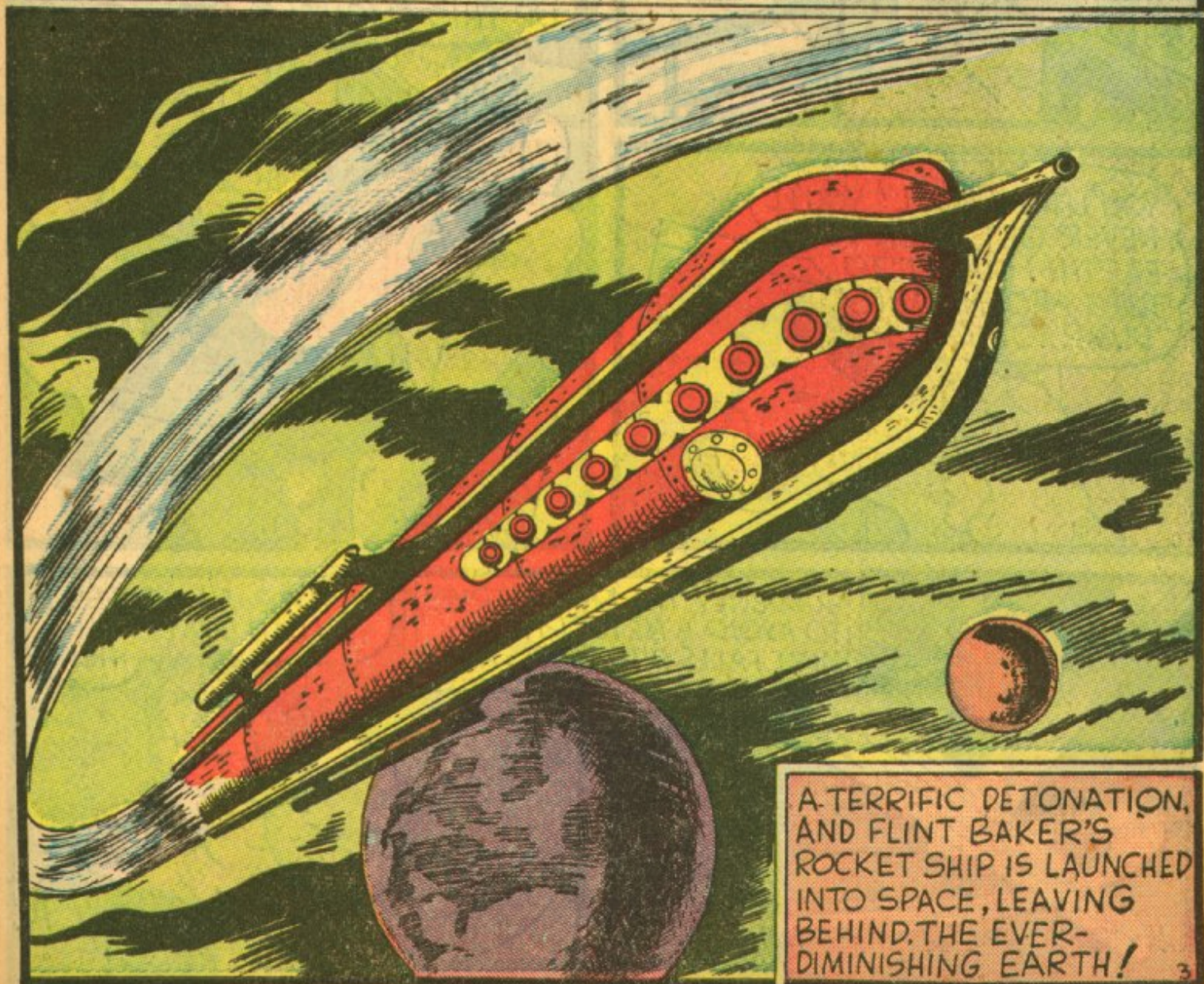
IN PRISON, GENTLEMEN, YOU WERE CONDEMNED TO DIE. YOUR LIVES AREN'T WORTH MUCH MORE NOW, FOR I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'LL EVER SEE THIS EARTH AGAIN. NOBODY WILL SIGN UP AS MY CREW ON A TRIP TO MARS, SO I CHOSE YOU THREE EX-MECHANICS FOR MY CREW.

WE'RE WITH YOU, MR. BAKER! FROM NOW ON OUR HEARTS BELONG TO YOU!  
HA~HA!



AT FIRST THE MEN WERE SKEPTICAL. THEN, AFTER TWO WEEKS OF FLINT'S INSTRUCTION, THE CONVICTS ARE

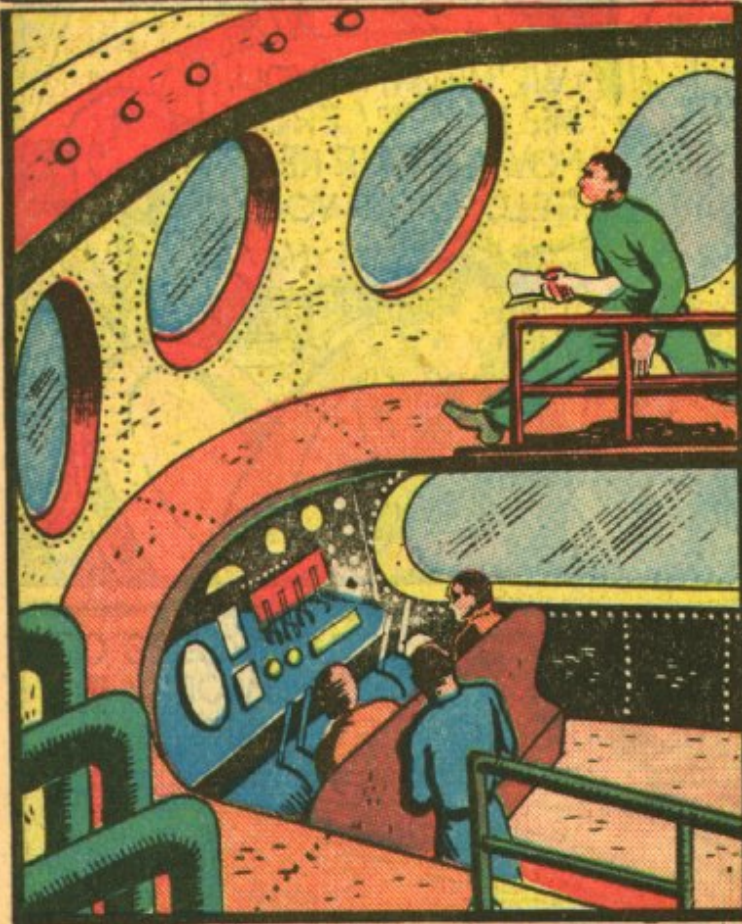
RARING TO GO, THE DANGERS OF THIS STRANGE TRIP NO WORRY TO THEM. THEN, ONE EVENING.....



A TERRIFIC DETONATION, AND FLINT BAKER'S ROCKET SHIP IS LAUNCHED INTO SPACE, LEAVING BEHIND THE EVER-DIMINISHING EARTH!



EIGHT MILES A SECOND! THE SHIP  
TEARS THROUGH SPACE, HEADED  
DIRECTLY FOR RED MARS!



THERE'S OUR  
NEW HOME,  
BOYS!  
LET'S EAT NOW



IN THE PROVISION ROOM...

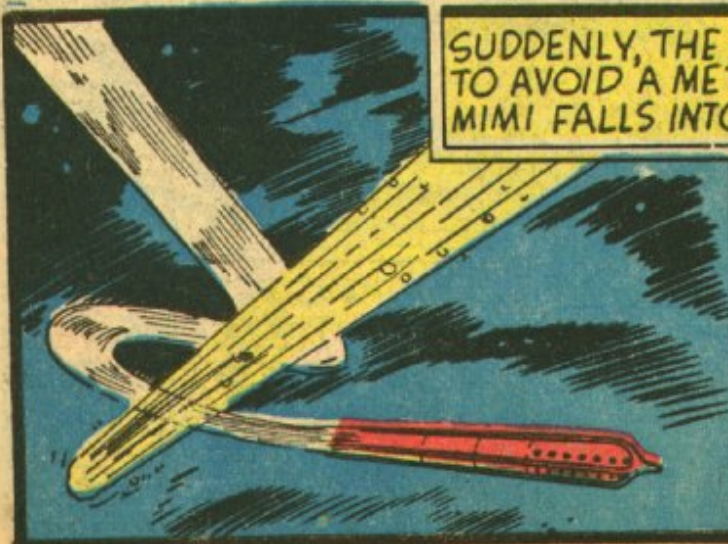
HELLO BOYS! MIND  
IF I HAVE A LITTLE  
SANDWICH?  
I'M MIMI WILSON,  
OF THE N.Y. GLOBE,  
HERE TO WRITE  
UP THIS FLIGHT!



YOU LITTLE FOOL! YOU'LL  
NEVER GET BACK TO  
EARTH! I OUGHT TO  
TURN AROUND AND  
DUMP YOU OUT



SUDDENLY, THE SHIP SWERVES  
TO AVOID A METEORITE --  
MIMI FALLS INTO FLINT'S ARMS.



WELL-ER--AH--I GUESS  
YOU CAN STAY-- HEH  
HEH!



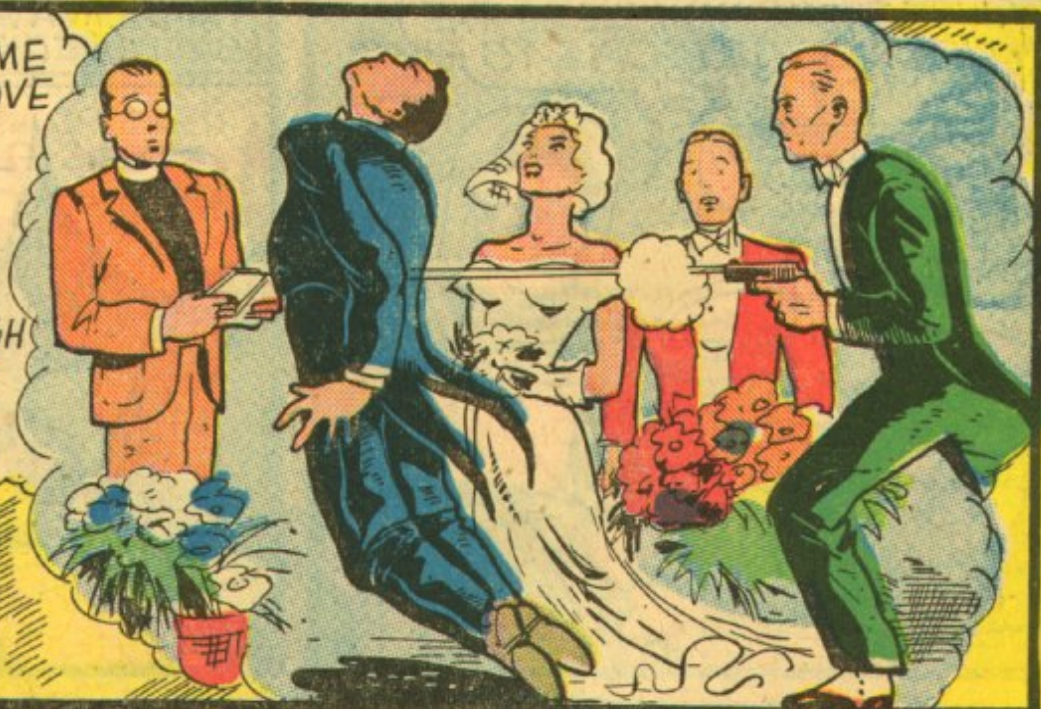


TO PASS TIME, THE EX-CONVICTS TELL THEIR CRIMES.

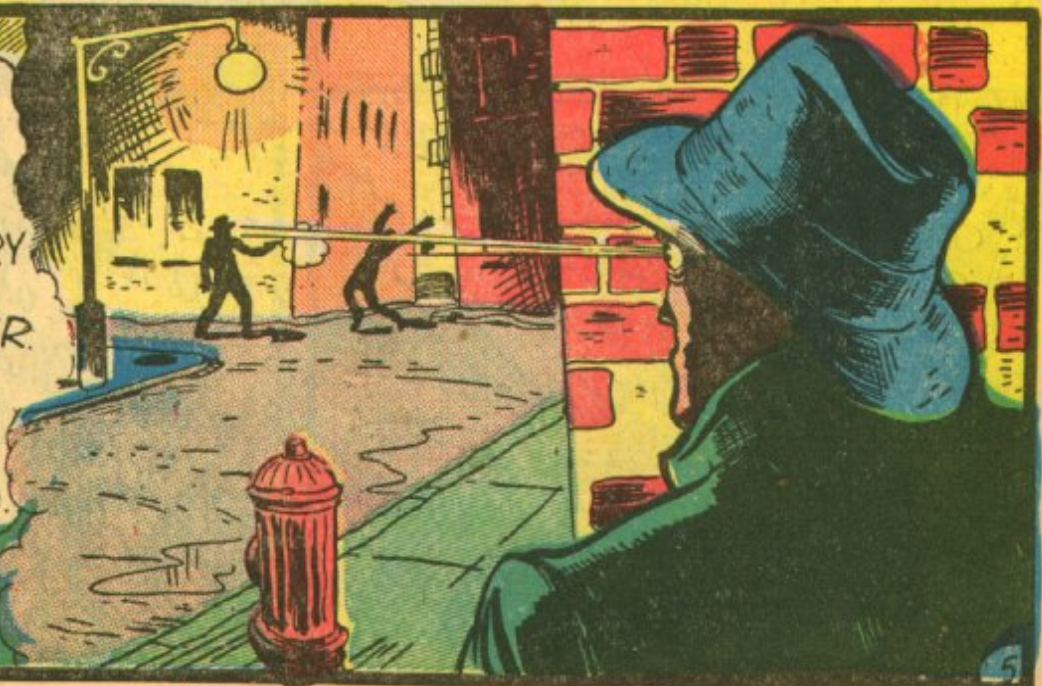
I'M HARRY PARKS... MY FIREMAN, ON MY LOCOMOTIVE, WAS DRUNK. HE WANTED TO RUN THE ENGINE HIMSELF. HE WHIPPED OUT A GUN AND THREATENED ME! A SHOVEL PUT HIM TO SLEEP FOR GOOD. FATE WAS AGAINST ME, AND I WAS SENT UP FOR MURDER!



I'M PHIL GODWIN... SOME GANGSTER FELL IN LOVE WITH MY KID SISTER. SHE THOUGHT SHE LOVED HIM, AND REFUSED TO LISTEN TO ME. THE CROOK WAS ROTTEN THROUGH AND THROUGH. AT THE WEDDING I LOST MY HEAD.....



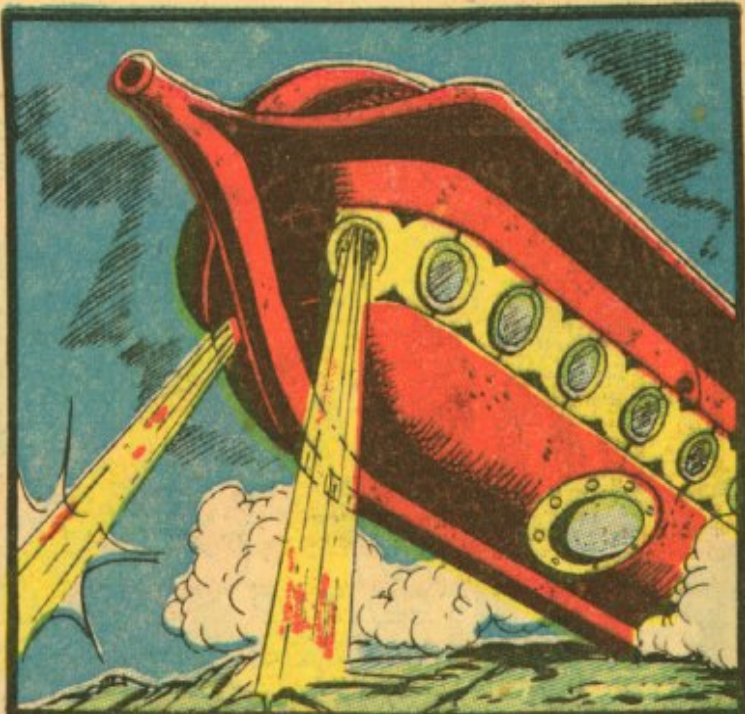
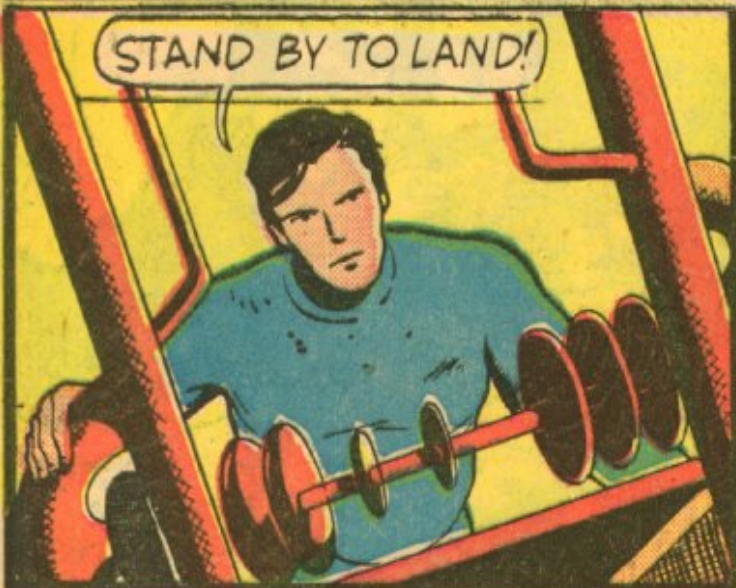
I'M CLIFF GRANT... YEARS AGO, I WORKED FOR A MAN WHO WAS CRAZY. BUT HE HAD HYPNOTIC POWERS AND USED ME TO CARRY OUT HIS PLOTS. I WAS PICKED UP FOR MURDER. LATER, HE WAS DISCOVERED AND PUT IN JAIL. BUT HE ESCAPED.





AFTER WEEKS OF MONOTONOUS TRAVELING, THEY REACH MARS!

STAND BY TO LAND!

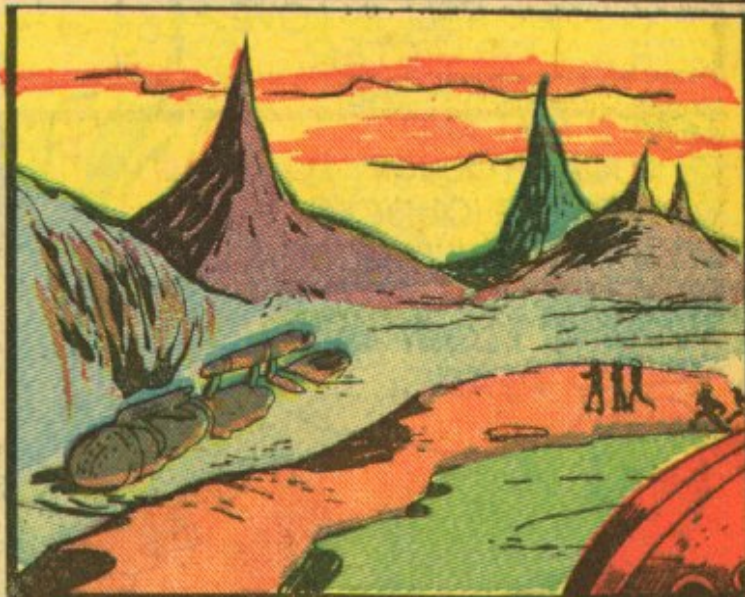


JUST THINK, MIMI, WE'RE THE FIRST EARTH PEOPLE TO LAND ON MARS!

LOOK, FLINT!



THERE, IN A VALLEY, LIES A BATTERED ROCKET SHIP!

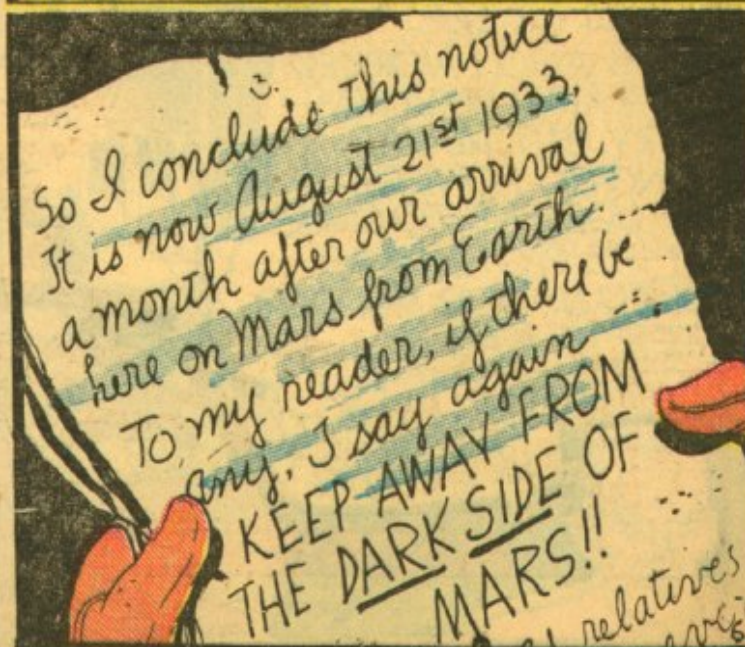


INSIDE, FLINT COMES ACROSS A GHASTLY SIGHT!

LOOK AT THAT METAL TUBE



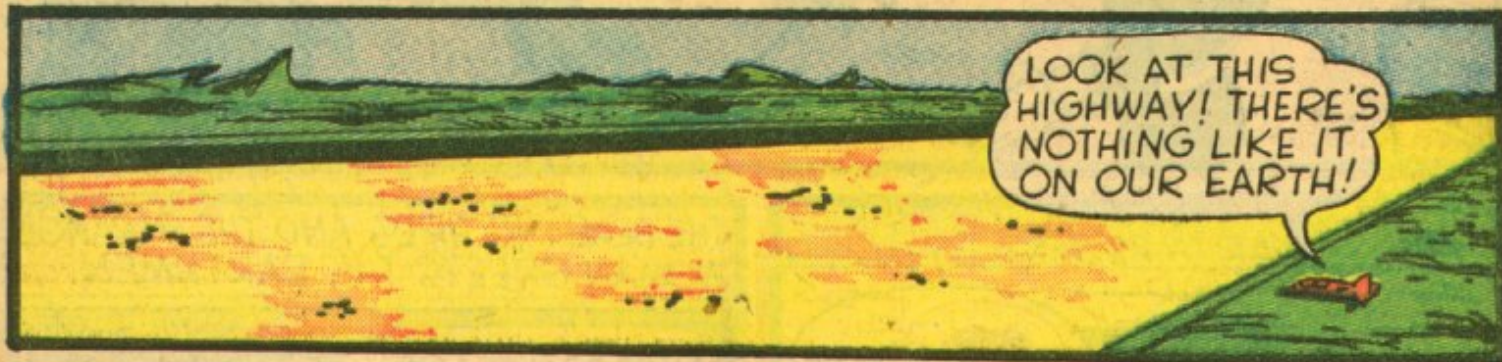
INSIDE THE TUBE IS AN OLD LETTER.



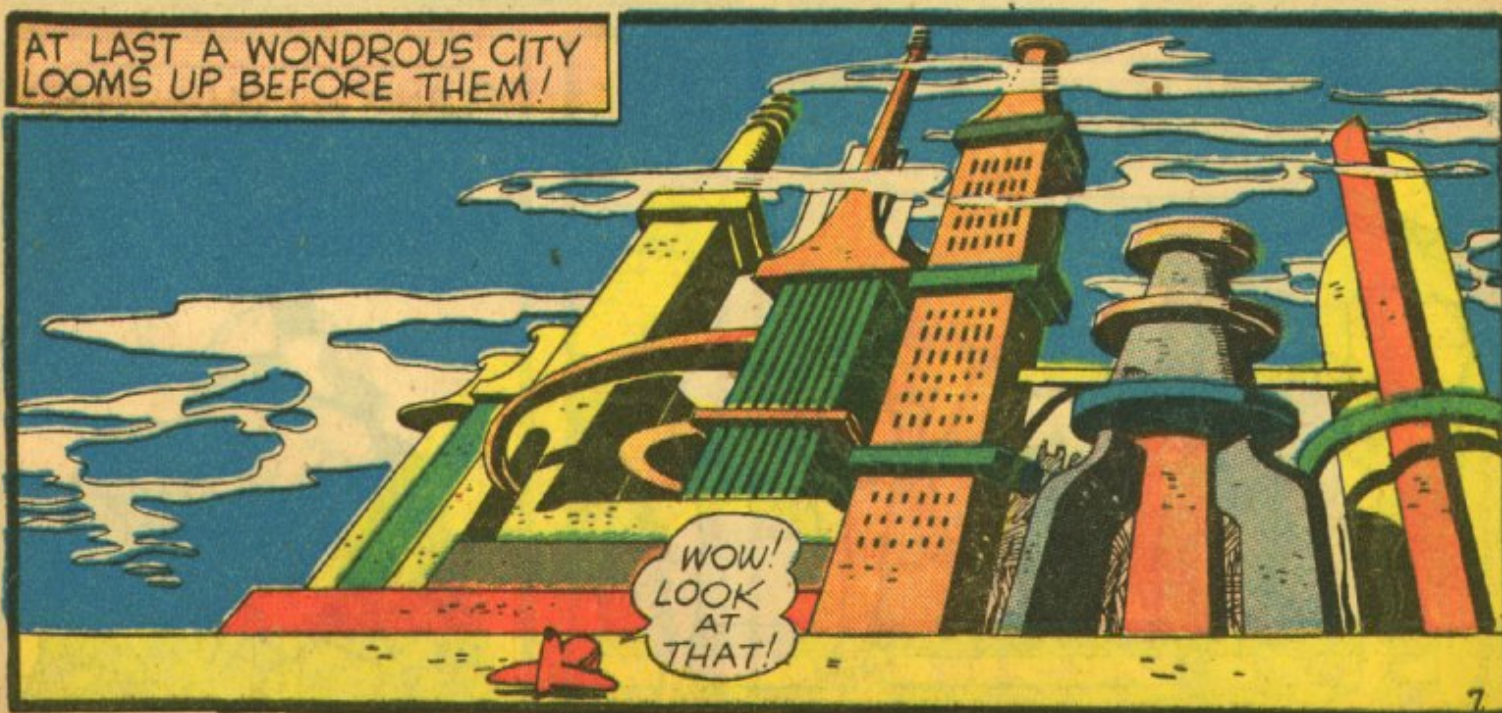




RETURNING TO THEIR SHIP, FLINT AND THE CREW WHEEL OUT A MOTOR CAR.



AT LAST A WONDROUS CITY LOOMS UP BEFORE THEM!





ON APPROACHING THE GATES, A FEROCIOUS "WATCH DOG" SPRINGS AT THEM.....



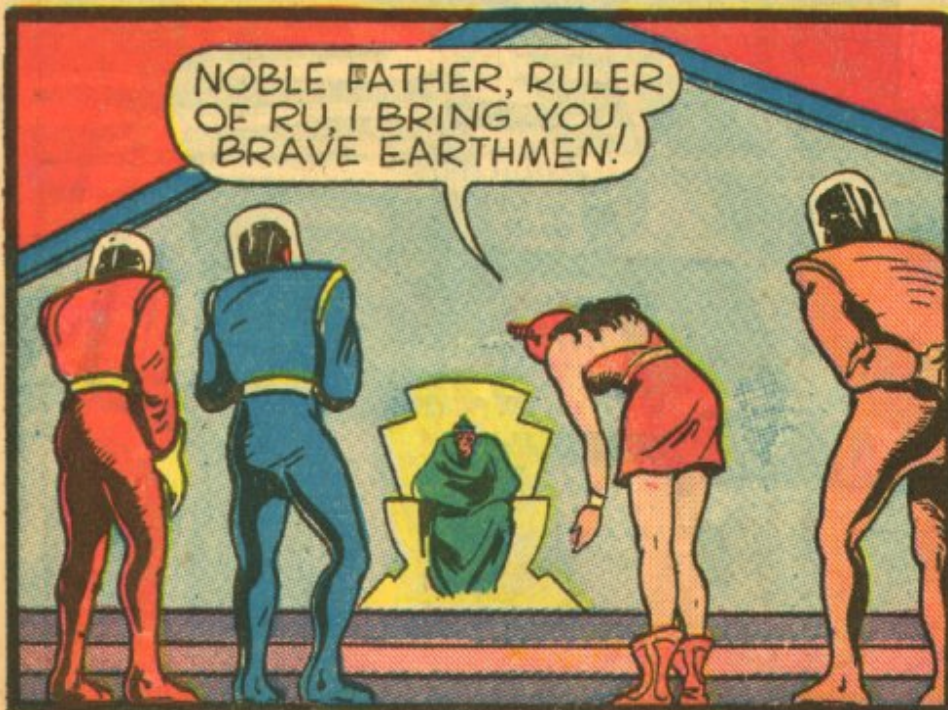
THEN, FROM A WINDOW----



THE BEAST RETIRES AND THE STRANGE WOMAN GREETS THE EARTHMEN.



NOBLE FATHER, RULER OF RU, I BRING YOU BRAVE EARTHMEN!



I, AND MY DAUGHTER, PRINCESS VIGA, ARE YOUR HOSTS HERE ON MARS YOU ARE TIMELY GUESTS!





FOR THE LAST CENTURY  
WE MARTIANS HAVE LIVED  
IN PEACE AND HARMONY.  
THEN ONE DAY NOT LONG  
AGO A SHIP LANDED HERE  
FROM YOUR EARTH....



CRUEL AND SCHEMING,  
THEY WERE BANISHED  
BY US FROM THE LIGHT  
SIDE. THEY SET UP  
A DICTATORSHIP ON  
THE DARK SIDE OF  
MARS, USING THE  
MONSTERS THERE  
TO WAR UPON US....



YOU MAY ENLIST US IN  
YOUR ARMY TO RID  
MARS OF THESE  
FIENDS!

HOT-DOG!



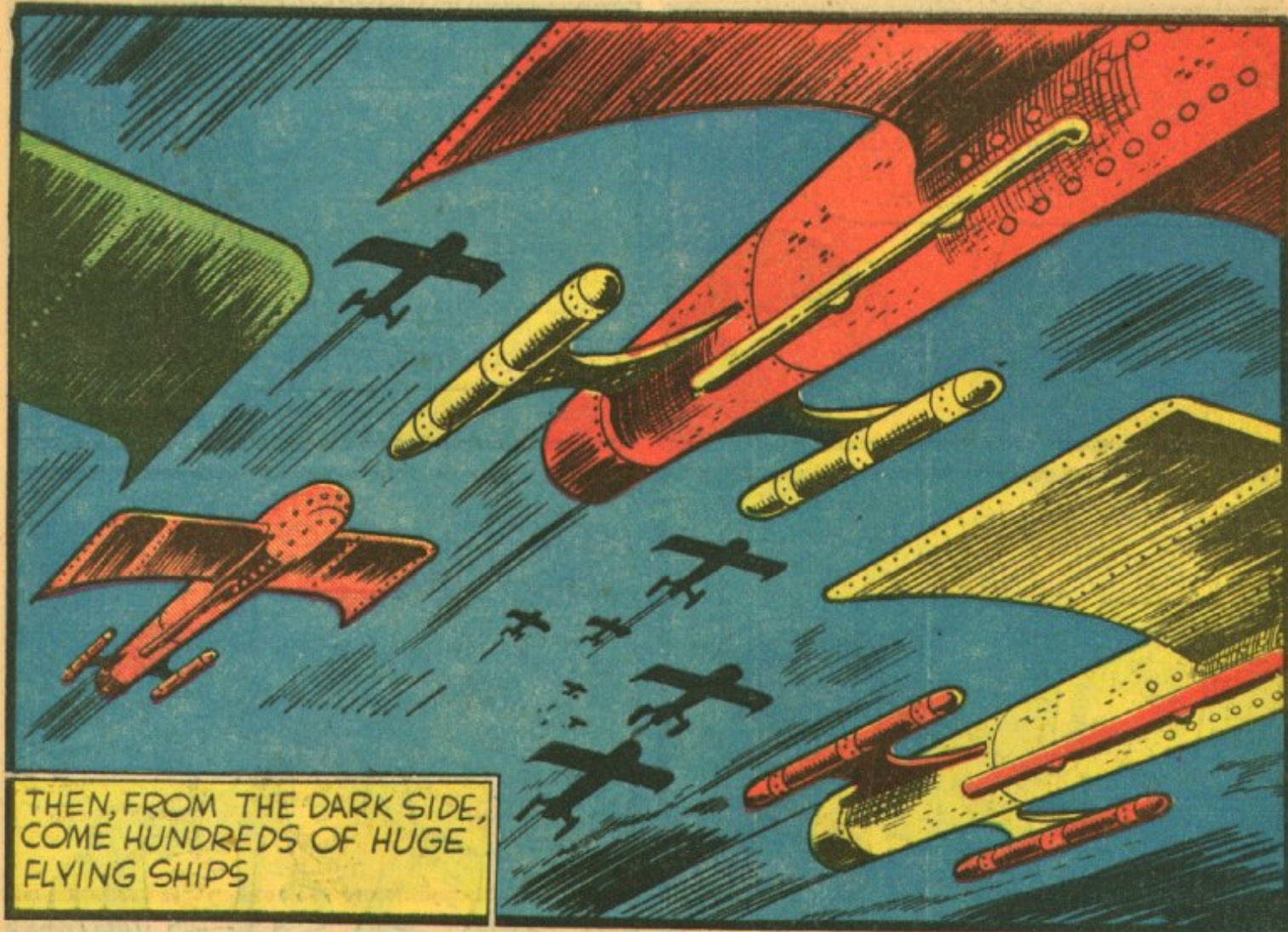
WITH THE AID OF THE ONE-EYED  
MONSTERS, HE PLANS TO  
RULE OVER THE WARM, LIGHT  
SIDE OF MARS!



MEANWHILE, ON THE DARK SIDE,  
SARKO, LAST OF THE WICKED  
EARTHMEN, PREPARES AN  
ATTACK!







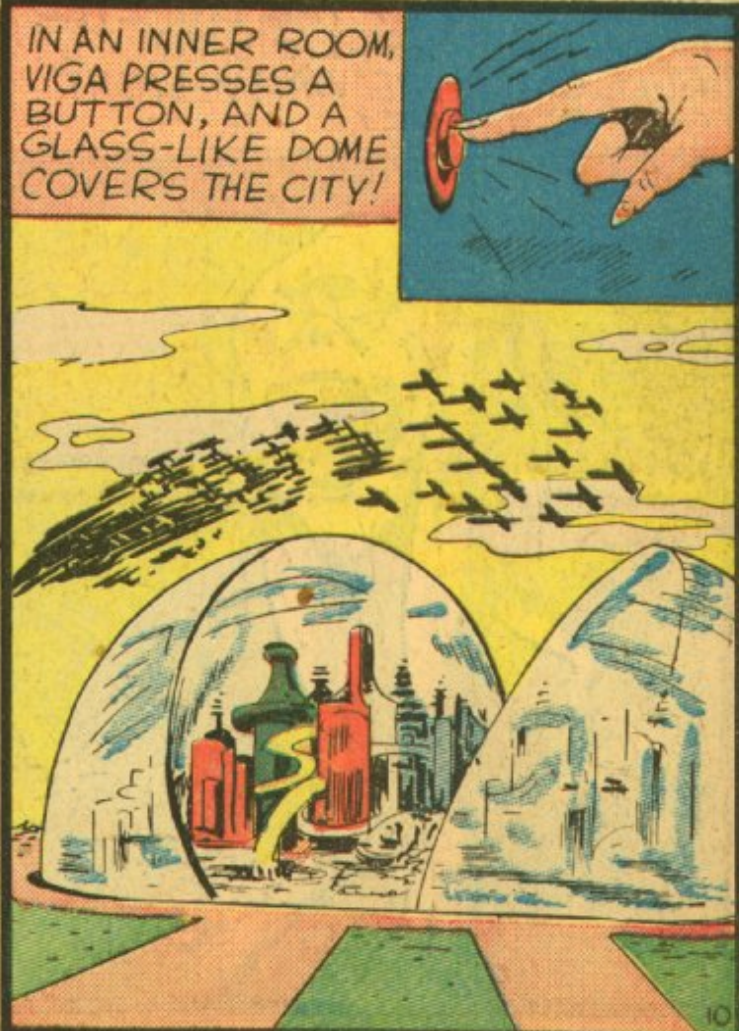
THEN, FROM THE DARK SIDE,  
COME HUNDREDS OF HUGE  
FLYING SHIPS

THE EARTHMEN FIND IT POSSIBLE  
TO DISCARD THEIR SPACE SUITS.

JUDAS! HERE  
THEY COME!!

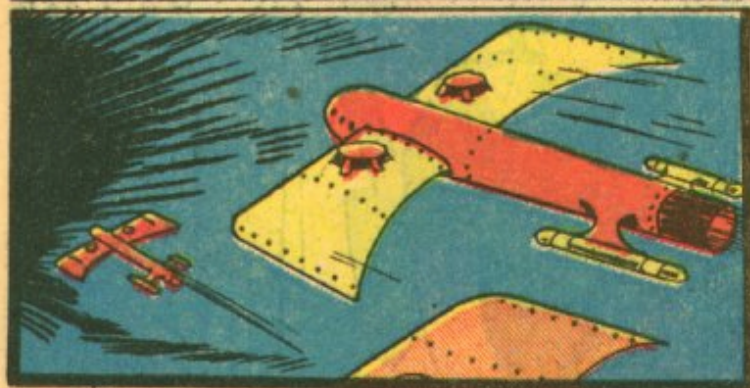


IN AN INNER ROOM,  
VIGA PRESSES A  
BUTTON, AND A  
GLASS-LIKE DOME  
COVERS THE CITY!





THE DOME IS IMPERVIOUS TO THE ENEMY'S ATTACK! THE SHIPS HEAD BACK TO THE DARK SIDE.



SARKO IS ENRAGED!

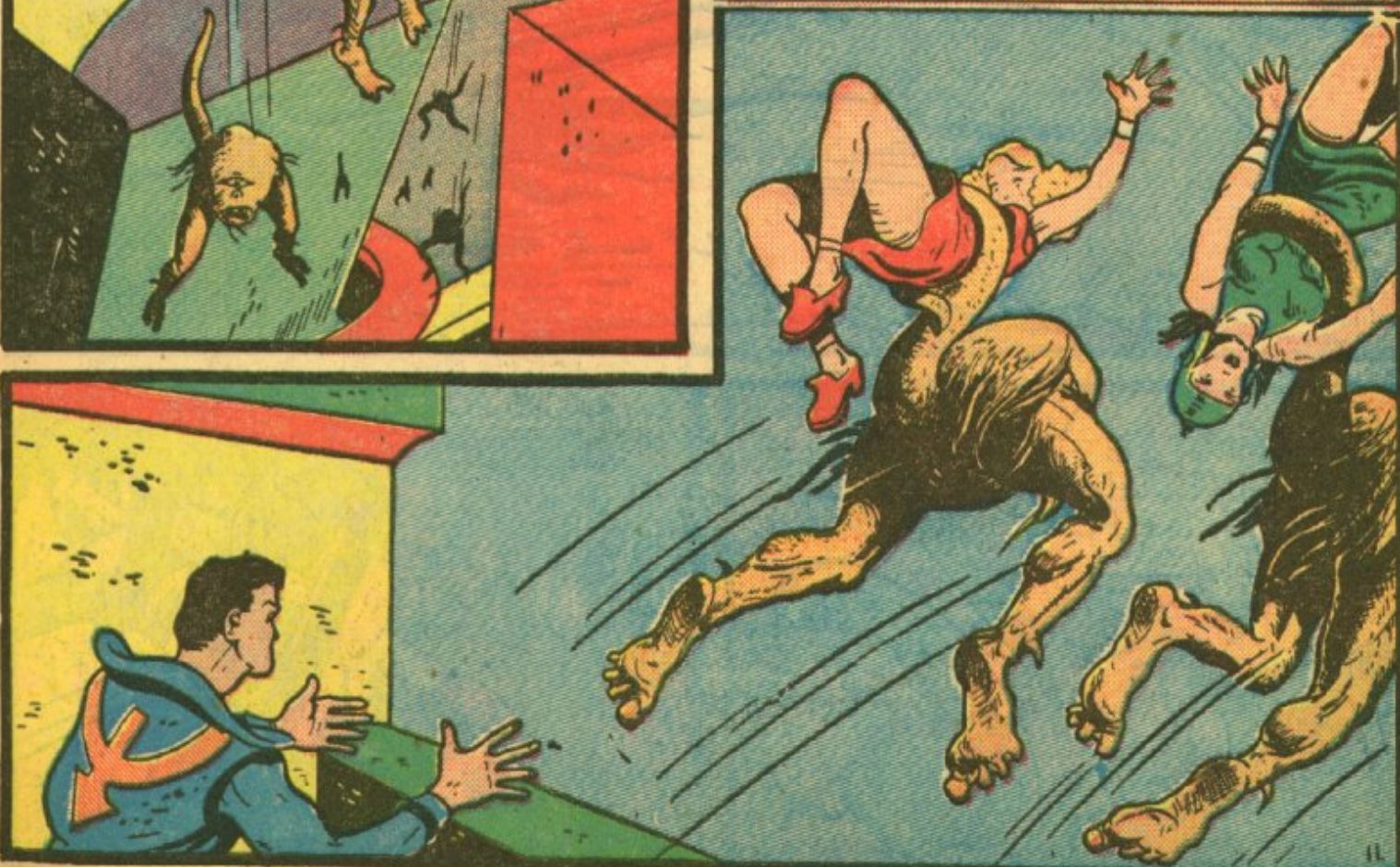
SO! YOU FAILED!  
THERE IS ONLY ONE  
OTHER METHOD OF  
ATTACK! HAND-TO-  
HAND STRUGGLE!  
AND BRING BACK  
PRINCESS VIGA  
TO ME!



SARKO'S MONSTERS, PRACTICALLY ALL LEGS, LEAP AND BOUND OVER TO RU AND INVADE THE CITY AFTER THE DOME IS LOWERED!



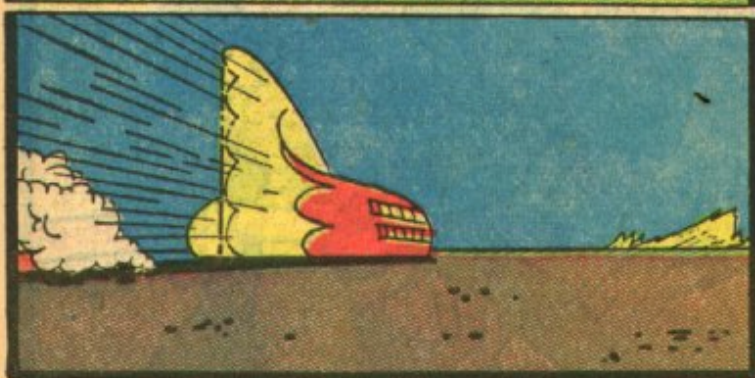
AND BEFORE FLINT'S EYES, THE MONSTERS LEAP AWAY, WITH MIMI AND VIGA AS PRISONERS!







WITH DEATH-DEALING RAY GUNS, FLINT AND HIS FRIENDS ROAR DOWN THE HIGHWAY TO THEIR SPACE SHIP.





FLINT SILENTLY LANDS THE SHIP  
NEAR SARKO'S FORT. THEN--

PUT ON THESE BLACK  
ROBES, WE'LL BE  
INVISIBLE HERE  
ON THE DARK SIDE!

LOOK  
!

THE FOUR EARTHMEN SCALE A WALL

SUDDENLY, AS GRANT SEES SARKO, A  
GRIM LOOK COMES OVER HIS FACE...

SO NOW TO VIGA,  
PRINCESS OF RU, I  
GIVE DEATH! TO MIMI,  
EARTH-GIRL, I GIVE  
IMMORTALITY. TO BE  
WITH ME FOREVER!







FOR A SECOND, SARKO GETS THE UPPER HAND. IT LOOKS BLACK FOR FLINT!



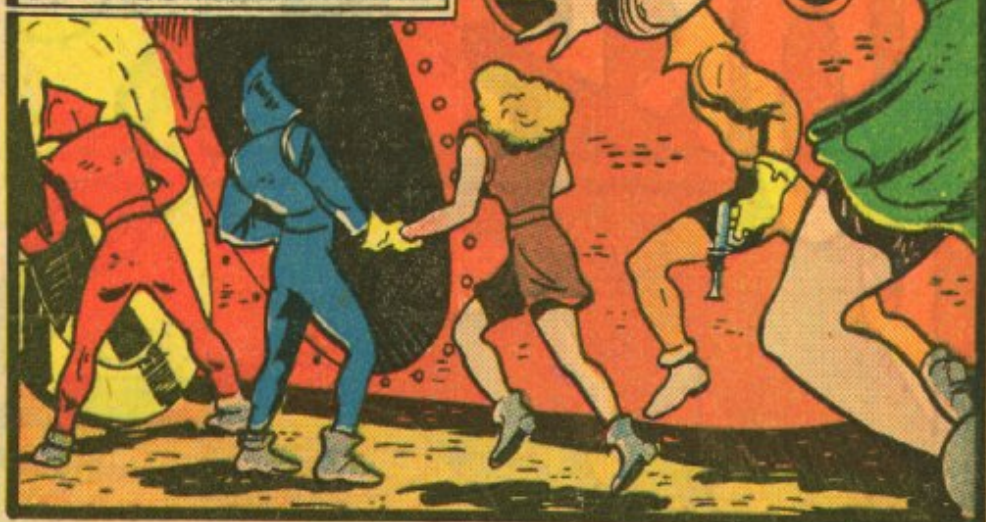
SUDDENLY, THERE IS A LOUD REPORT, AND SARKO GASPS!



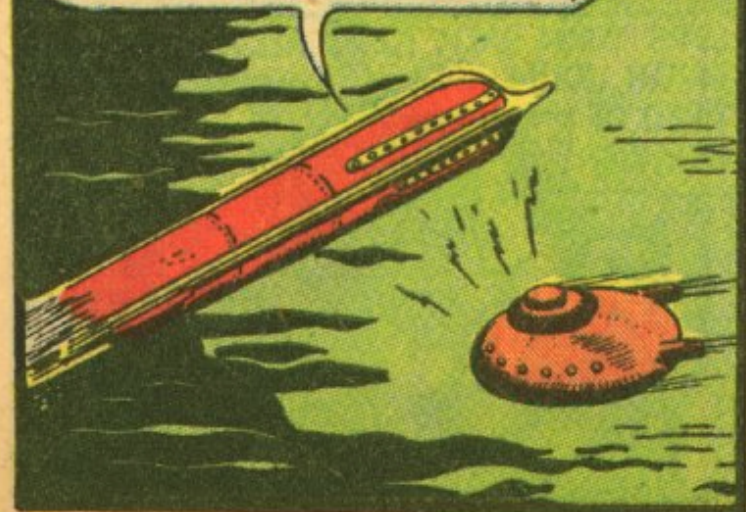
YOU CAN KEEP YOUR OL' RAY GUNS! I'LL PUT MY OPPONENTS OUT OF COMMISSION WITH MY .38!



MIMI AND VIGA FREED, THEY ALL REACH THE SHIP. ALL EXCEPT GRANT, WHO DIED BRAVELY!



FLINT! THAT SHIP IS SENDING US A MESSAGE! --- OUR PEOPLE HAVE CONQUERED THE ONE-EYED MONSTERS!



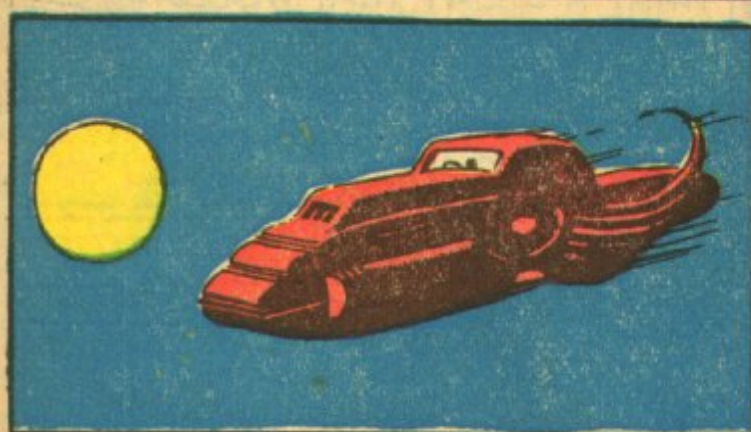
WHAT A STORY THAT WOULD MAKE IN OUR NEWSPAPERS GOSH!-IF I ONLY HAD A PHONE!!

PERHAPS I CAN SHOW YOU SOME MORE MATERIAL FOR "GOOD STORIES."



DON'T MISS THE ADVENTURES OF **FLINT BAKER** SPACE PILOT IN THE NEXT ISSUE.





EARLY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY,  
A CRUISE SHIP STREAKED THROUGH THE  
HEAVENS, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN  
URANUS AND JUPITER!

ABOARD, WE FIND PROF. HARDWICH,  
AND HIS WIFE AND CHILD -

LET'S TURN BACK TO  
EARTH, JOHN - I'M  
TIRED OF  
CRUISING -

ALL RIGHT, DEAR -





BUT THEY ARE DESTINED NEVER TO REACH EARTH AGAIN -FOR AT THAT MOMENT, A FLAMING METEORITE COLLIDES WITH THE FLYING MACHINE, AND --- !

GOOD HEAVENS! THE SHIP'S OUT OF CONTROL! WE'RE BEING DRAWN TOWARD THE POWERFUL GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF JUPITER!

OH, JOHN! JOHN!

THE CHILD IS FLUNG CLEAR OF THE SHIP, AS IT SMASHES TO SMITHEREENS ON THE NEW PLANET! HIS PARENTS DIE INSTANTLY!

WHEN THE BOY REGAINS HIS SENSES, HE RECOILS IN HORROR AT THE SIGHT BEFORE HIM!

WHY, YOU'RE AS GENTLE AS A LAMB! YOU MUST HAVE BROUGHT ME TO THIS CAVE AFTER OUR SHIP CRASHED - MOTHER! DAD! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM!!

THE TREMENDOUS GRAVITATIONAL FORCE OF THIS PLANET, SLOWLY TURNS HIS EARTHLY MUSCLES TO STEEL!

I'M GOING TO CLIMB THAT MOUNTAIN, AND SEE WHAT'S ON TOP -

BY DEGREES, HE BECOMES ACCUSTOMED TO A NEW MODE OF LIVING - HUNTING WITH THE SABER-TOOTH TIGER AND FEASTING ON

GOOD MEAT, TARA-

YEARS LATER, HE IS ABLE TO PERFORM REMARKABLE FEATS OF STRENGTH!

AT LAST HE REACHES THE SUMMIT, AND - !

GREAT SCOTT! PEOPLE! NATIVES OF THIS PLANET!

ON HIS WAY UP, HE CLINGS MIRACULOUSLY TO THE TINIEST CRACKS AND CREVICES!



AS THE YOUTH APPROACHES THEM —!



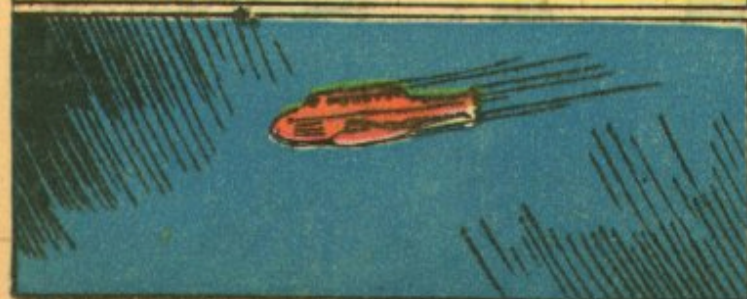
SUDDENLY, THE BRUTES TAKE TO THEIR HEELS, AS THEY REALIZE THEIR LONE FOE IS INVINCIBLE!



HENCEFORWARD, THEY REGARD HIM AS THEIR LEADER - CALLING HIM "AURO", WHICH MEANS UNCONQUERABLE - THE YOUTH GRADUALLY PICKS UP THEIR LIMITED LANGUAGE -



LET'S LEAVE AURO FOR THE TIME BEING, AND LOOK IN ON A SCENE SOME THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY - A TRANSPORT PLANE IS CRUISING ON ITS REGULAR RUN, BETWEEN EARTH AND SATURN -



SUDDENLY, A BLACK HULLED SPACE SHIP APPEARS —!!

GREAT HEAVENS! WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!





SUDDENLY, THE PEOPLE ARE JOLTED FROM THEIR SEATS!



DON'T BE ALARMED, ANYONE - YOUR LIVES WILL BE SPARED!



I WANT THIS SHIP, AND YOU PEOPLE AS MY SLAVES! NOW, PILOTS, DIRECT THIS SHIP TO THE WORLD I RULE, NEPTUNE!



IN A FRENZY OF RAGE, ONE OF THE PILOTS GRABS A WRENCH, BUT - !



DURING THE CON-FUSION, MARTHA GALE, THE ASSISTANT PILOT, SLIPS OUT OF THE PLANE, UNSEEN ---



--- AND TAKES OFF IN AN EMERGENCY SPACE SHIP, TO GET AID!



A BOLT FROM A RAY GUN SHATTERS HER NAVIGATION INSTRUMENTS, AND - !





BUT MARTHA REPAIRS THE DAMAGE JUST BEFORE SHE REACHES THE PLANET, AND LANDS SAFELY -



IN AN HOUR, THE SHIP IS FILLED WITH JUPITER BRUTES, AND HEADING FOR NEPTUNE, TO THE RESCUE!



AURO'S PLAN WORKS! HE IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE TYRANT!



HA! ANOTHER EARTHMAN! A MIGHTY SLAVE!

SUDDENLY, A BRONZED GIANT APPEARS!

I, AURO, SEE YOU COME FROM SKY - CAN I HELP YOU?

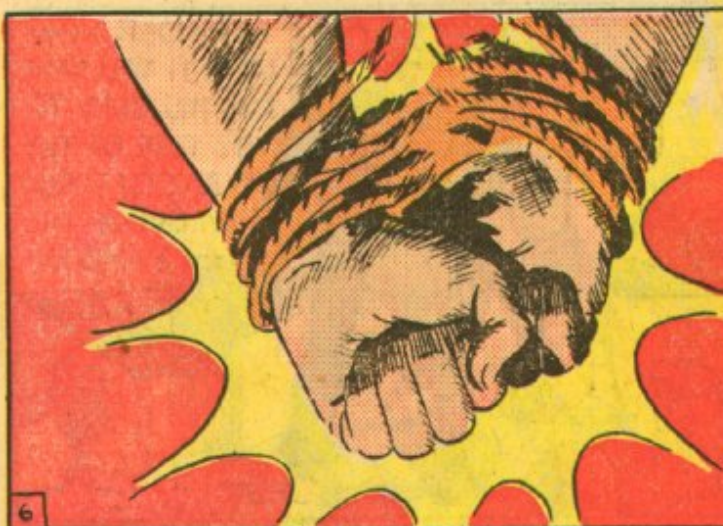
YOU SPEAK ENGLISH! THANK HEAVENS! THE FIENDISH RULER OF NEPTUNE HAS CAPTURED MY FRIENDS! HOW CAN I SAVE THEM?



HERE WE ARE, AT LAST! BUT HOW CAN WE FIND THE FIEND'S PALACE, AURO?



I WILL ALLOW NATIVES TO SEIZE ME, AND TAKE ME TO PALACE! YOU CAN FOLLOW CLOSE BY, WITH MY CREATURES



TELL YOUR MEN BRING EARTH PEOPLE HERE, OR DIE!



BUT BEFORE THE BEWILDERED DESPOT CAN COMPLY, A SCORE OF MEN FALL UPON AURO!



MEANWHILE, THE GIRL AND THE BRUTES GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE PALACE, KILLING BY SURPRISE, ONE SENTRY AFTER ANOTHER!



AT THIS MOMENT, AURO'S BRUTES POUR IN, AND THE BATTLE CULMINATES AT ONCE!



THE EARTH PEOPLE, AND JUPITER BRUTES, TAKE OFF WITH THE RULER - TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT NO ATTEMPT IS MADE TO SHOOT THEM DOWN, AND TO MAKE HIM STAND TRIAL ON EARTH, FOR HIS HEINOUS CRIMES!



HOLDING THE KING IN A GRIP OF STEEL, AURO STAGES A MIRACULOUS ONE-HANDED FIGHT AGAINST COUNTLESS ODDS!



THE TYRANT NOW YIELDS TO AURO'S REQUEST - RELEASING THE EARTHMEN, AND RETURNING TO THEM, THEIR SHIP.



WE CAN NEVER THANK YOU ENOUGH!

NO NEED TO -

SEE THE NEXT ISSUE OF THIS MAGAZINE FOR FURTHER ADVENTURES OF

**AURO**

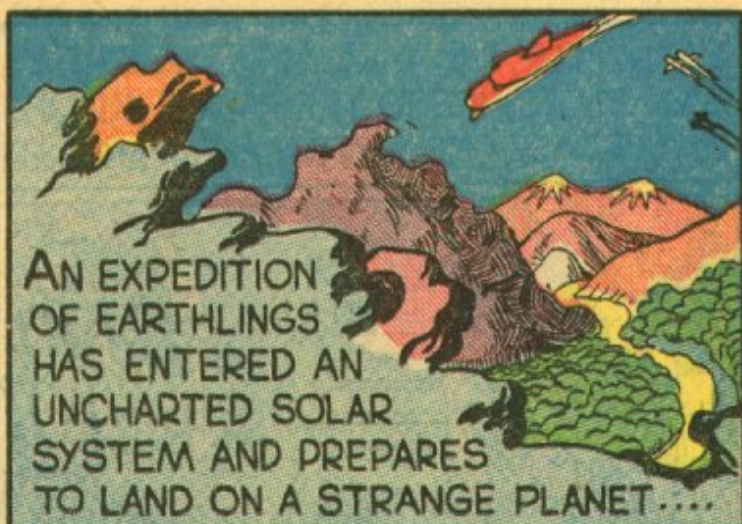
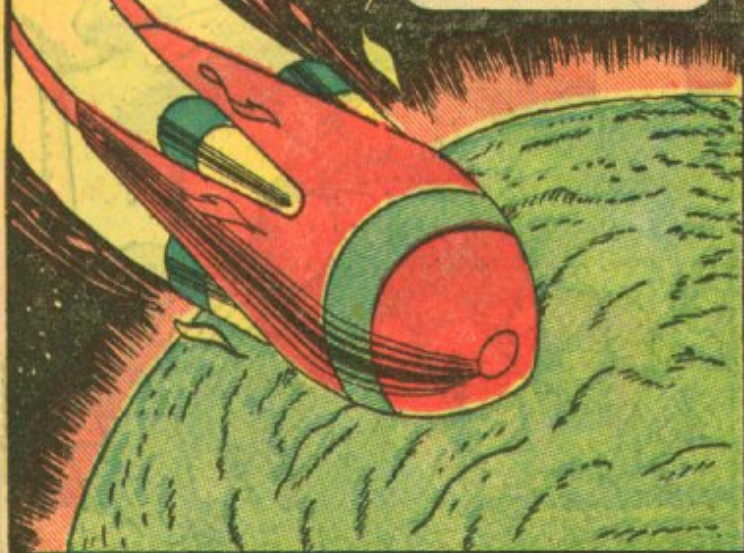
LORD OF JUPITER



# THE RED COMET

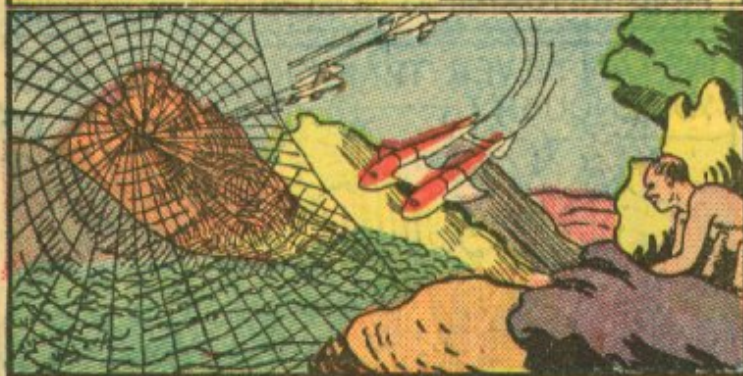
by KEN JACKSON

HURTLING THROUGH SPACE WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, (186,000 MILES A SECOND) THE RED COMET, MYSTERY MAN OF THE UNIVERSE, IS OUT SCOUTING FOR SOME NEW ADVENTURE ....



AN EXPEDITION OF EARTHLINGS HAS ENTERED AN UNCHARTED SOLAR SYSTEM AND PREPARES TO LAND ON A STRANGE PLANET ....

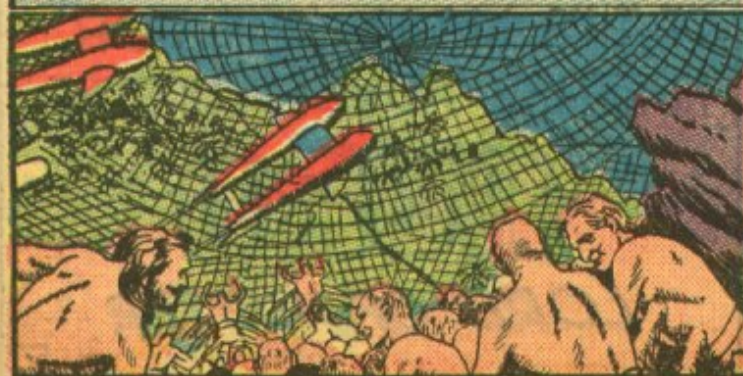
UNAWARE OF THE DANGER THAT LIES AHEAD THEY BRING THEIR SHIPS DOWN IN THE VALLEY OF THE SPIDERPEOPLE !



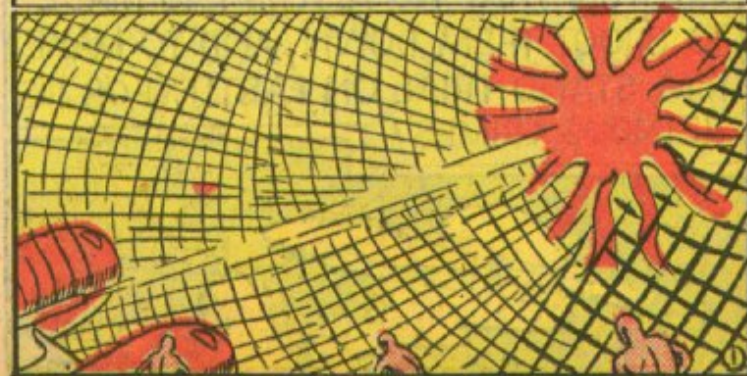
THE ROCKET SHIPS CRASH INTO THE TRAPS OF STEEL-LIKE WEBS !



IMMEDIATELY, FROM ALL DIRECTIONS, HORDES OF THE EVIL, HALF-HUMAN CREATURES APPEAR FROM THE CLIFFS !



BLASTING WITH THEIR RAYS IS FUTILE. SOON THE OCCUPANTS OF ONE OF THE SHIPS ARE TAKEN PRISONERS !





THEY ARE QUICKLY CARRIED DOWN,  
DEEP INTO THE BOWELS OF THE  
PLANET!



THE SPIDERS HIDE IN FEAR AS THE  
STRANGE RED COMET LANDS IN  
THE VALLEY!



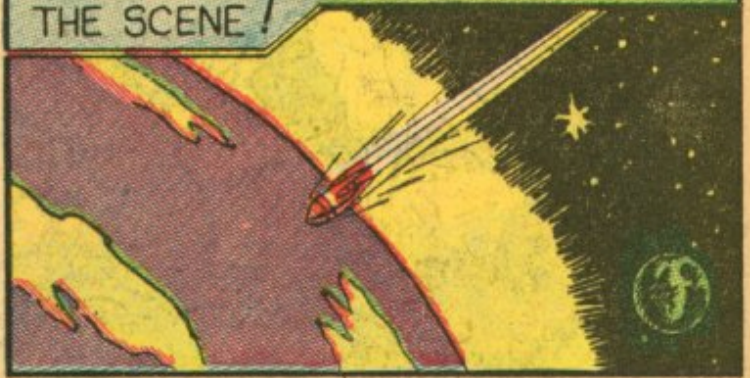
COVERING FIFTY MILES IN A FEW  
GREAT STRIDES HE CARRIES THE  
OTHER TWO ROCKETS TO SAFETY!



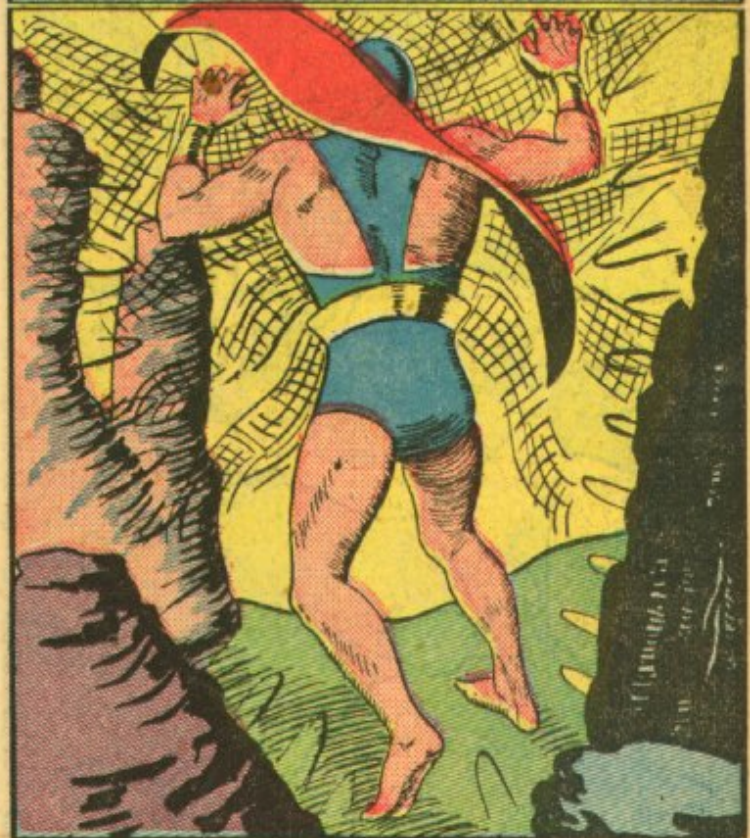
DON'T THANK ME NOW—  
I'VE GOT TO RESCUE  
THE OTHERS!



MEANWHILE, HAVING TRAVELED OVER  
22,000,000 MILES IN ONLY TWO  
MINUTES, THE COMET ARRIVES ON  
THE SCENE!



A TWIST OF THE DIAL, AND HIS INTRA-  
ATOMIC SPACE ADJUSTER EXPANDS  
HIS BODY TO GIGANTIC PROPORTIONS  
...RIPPING THE STEEL NETS BECOMES  
THE WORK OF A MOMENT!



HE EVADES THE SENTRIES AT THE  
CAVES ENTRANCE....





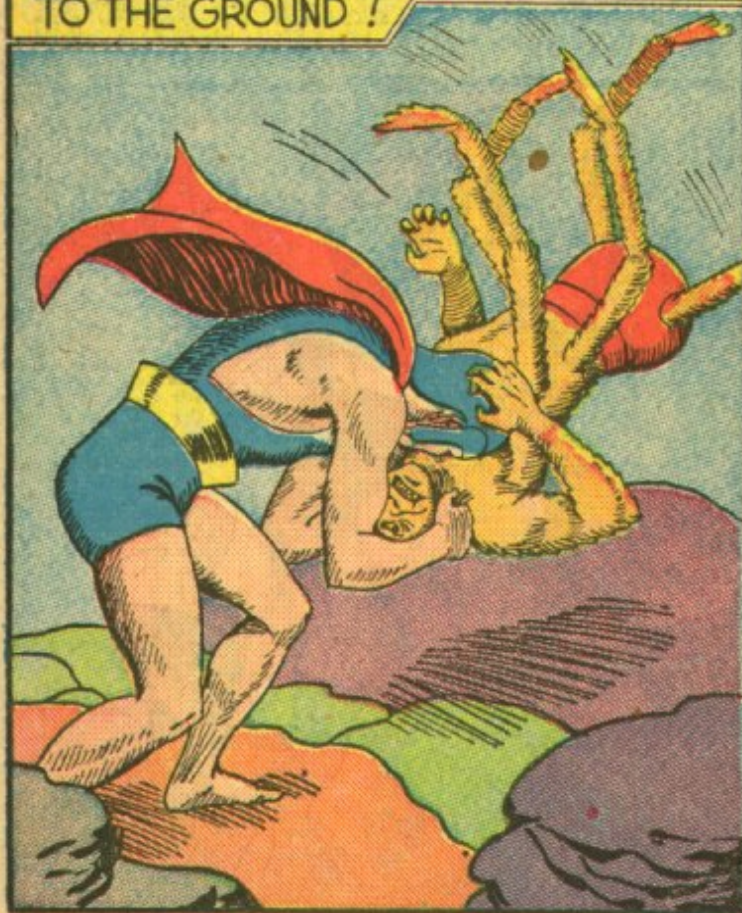
HERE'S WHERE  
I COULD USE  
SIX LEGS!



PAUSING TO LOOK IN HIS SPACE —  
TELEVISOR, HE IS ATTACKED!



POWERFUL ARMS HOLD HIM IN A  
GRIP OF STEEL! WITH A MIGHTY  
HEAVE HE THROWS HIS ASSAILANT  
TO THE GROUND!



THE  
STRUGGLE  
IS SOON  
OVER—THE  
COMET LEAVES  
THE SPIDERMAN!  
TIED UP LIKE  
A PRETZEL!



THE EARTHMEN  
NEED ME .....  
PRONTO!



THE UNDERGROUND CITY OF THE  
SPIDERMEN...



NOW FOR  
SOME FUN!





THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON EXHIBITION!



THEY ARE JEERED AT BY THE BLOOD-THIRSTY MOB!



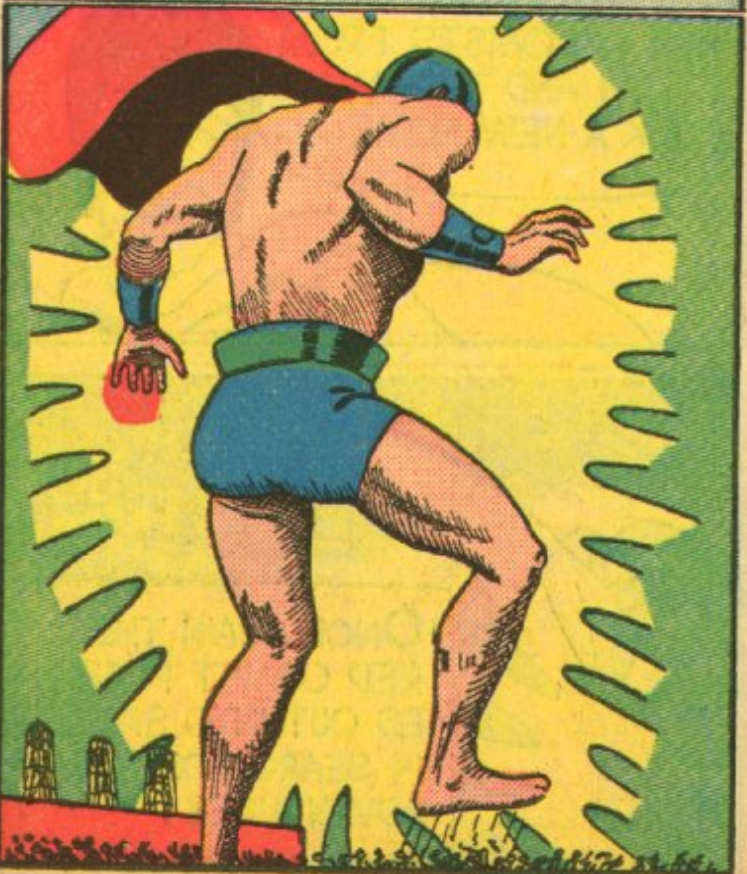
SUDDENLY, ZAGU, THE HIGH PRIEST, APPEARS AND BEGINS HIS CHANT!



TO REACH THE EARTHLINGS UN-NOTICED THE COMET REDUCES HIS SIZE ....



AS THEY ARE ABOUT TO BE TORTURED, THE COMET EXPANDS TO THE CEILING AND SQUASHES HUNDREDS OF THE SPIDERMEN UNDER HIS FEET!



HOWEVER, ZAGU ESCAPES .....



RETURNING TO HIS NORMAL SIZE THE COMET RELEASES THE CAPTIVES AND TOGETHER THEY HURRY TOWARDS SAFETY!





ZAGUT SENDS MESSAGES TO HIS SENTRIES WHO QUICKLY CONSTRUCT A WEB WALL TWENTY FEET THICK !



THE AMAZED EARTHLINGS ARE THEN CARRIED TO SAFETY AND THEIR OTHER FRIENDS !



WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SAVING OUR LIVES — WHO ARE YOU ? WHERE DO YOU COME FROM ?



FINDING THE EXIT BLOCKED THE COMET AGAIN EXPANDS—CRASHING THROUGH THE TOP OF THE CAVE !



I AM THE RED COMET, ROBIN HOOD OF THE UNIVERSE — AS TO WHERE I COME FROM — THAT IS MY SECRET — ... I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE COLONISTS FROM EARTH AND THAT YOU SEEK A NEW HOME ....



...TERRENE, SECOND PLANET IN THIS SYSTEM IS AN IDEAL PLACE ..... AND NOW — FAREWELL !



ONCE AGAIN THE RED COMET FLASHES OUT INTO SPACE IN SEARCH OF NEW ADVENTURES .



# Captain Nelson Cole

of the  
solar  
force

by  
**ALEX  
BOON**

COSMIC SHIPS  
NO. X301 - NOX302  
**LOST**  
OFF SATURN!



SUDDEN DANGER THREATENS  
THE INHABITANTS OF THE SOLAR  
SYSTEM. FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS  
THE PLANETS HAVE PROUDLY  
MAINTAINED PEACEFUL RELATIONS  
ALARMING NEWS SUDDENLY  
REACHES EARTH

SHIPS  
LOST



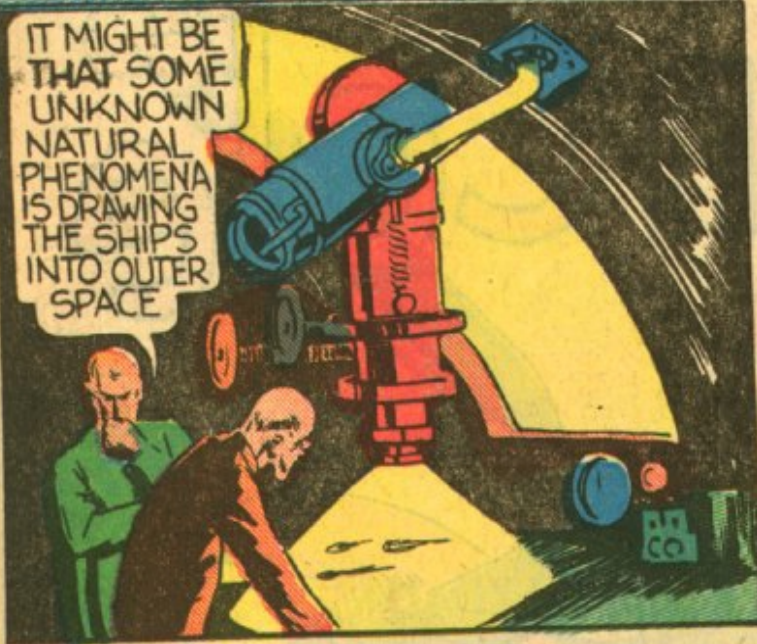
NEWS  
**EXTRA**  
SHIPS  
LOST





DAY AND NIGHT, THE SCIENTISTS SEARCH THE HEAVENS.

IT MIGHT BE THAT SOME UNKNOWN NATURAL PHENOMENA IS DRAWING THE SHIPS INTO OUTER SPACE

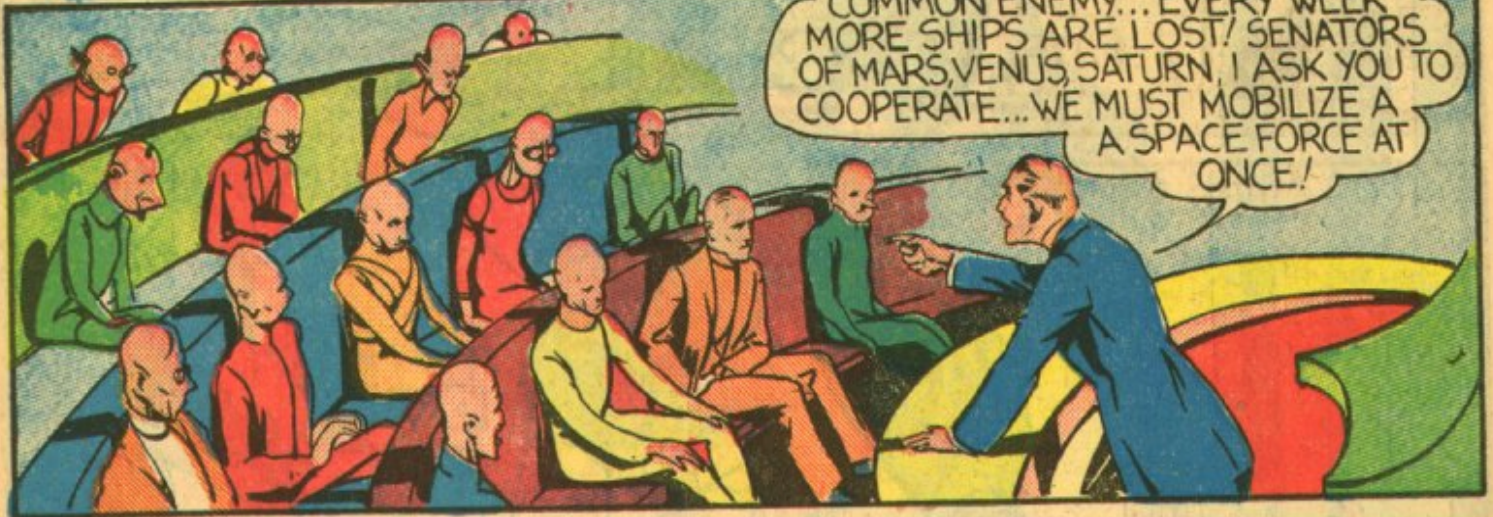


SUDDENLY ON THEIR LENS APPEAR STRANGE HOSTILE SHIPS, UNLIKE ANY IN THE UNIVERSE..



AT ONCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOLAR CONGRESS CALLS A SPECIAL SESSION..

GENTLEMEN, WE ARE FACED WITH A COMMON ENEMY... EVERY WEEK MORE SHIPS ARE LOST! SENATORS OF MARS, VENUS, SATURN, I ASK YOU TO COOPERATE... WE MUST MOBILIZE A SPACE FORCE AT ONCE!



CAPTAIN NELSON COLE, YOUNG AND FEARLESS OFFICER OF THE SOLAR FORCE IS SUMMONED. ....

CAPTAIN, YOU HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE IN KEEPING THE PEACE... NOW WE ASK YOU TO ENFORCE IT BY MEETING THIS ENEMY IN OUTER SPACE---



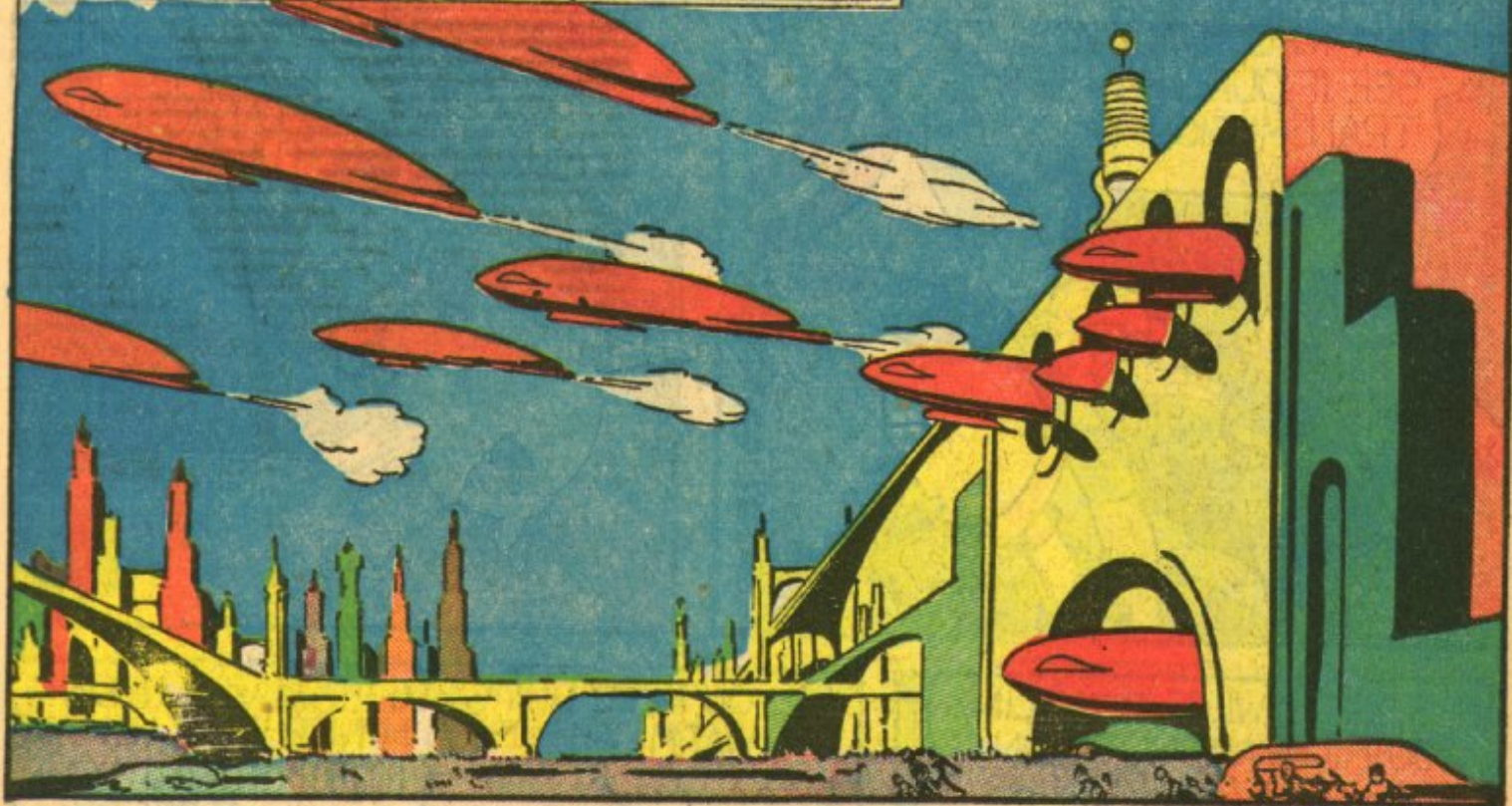
THE ARMY IS QUICKLY MOBILIZED. ....

MEN, THIS EXPEDITION WILL TAKE US INTO SPACE NEVER BEFORE EXPLORED... WE KNOW NOTHING OF THE ENEMY WE ARE FIGHTING... BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST!





THE SPACE FLEET TAKES OFF FROM EARTH...



150,000 MILES FROM EARTH THE ENEMY IS SIGHTED.



SUDDENLY COLE'S SHIP IS ROCKED WITH A TERRIFIC JOLT.



THEY'VE MAGNETIZED OUR SHIP AND CUT OUR POWER, WE'RE HELPLESS!



ALL THE SOLAR SHIPS ARE DRAWN SIDEWAYS THROUGH SPACE BY THE ENEMY MAGNETIZING CRAFT.





X25 CALLING EARTH-70!... X25  
CALLING EARTH-70 ---! WE CAN'T  
SEEM TO CONTACT 70! LET'S  
SEE IF OUR INTERSHIP  
TRANSMISSION WORKS!



X-25  
CALLING X-27-  
CALLING-  
X-27!

THIS IS X-27-  
WE'VE LOST THE  
ENEMY SHIPS,  
AND CAN'T STOP  
THE PULL!



HE'S RIGHT, WE'RE TRAVELING  
300 MILES A MINUTE ON  
THIS PULL! WE MUST BE  
MILLIONS  
OF MILES  
FROM THE  
SOLAR  
SYSTEM!



DO YOU FEEL  
AS WARM  
AS I DO?

WE'RE PROBABLY NEARING  
A MINOR SUN! WE  
MUST GET INTO OUR  
ASBESTOS  
SPACE  
SUITS!



THE SHIPS HURL  
TOWARD THE  
STRANGE PLANET  
VOLCUS, STILL IN  
IT'S FORMATIVE  
STAGE, THIS ORB  
RADIATES A  
TERRIFIC HEAT..  
CAPT. COLE TELLS  
ALL THE MEN  
TO DON THEIR  
REFRIGERATED  
STEEL SUITS.





ONLY ONE CITY RISES ON THE SEARED SURFACE OF VOLCUS...IT IS RULED BY THE POWER-MAD DICTATOR ZAN, WHO ESCAPED IMPRISONMENT FOR HIS TREACHERY IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHED A BASE ON VOLCUS WITH HIS ARMY OF LIVING DEAD! IN A REFRIGERATED PALACE HE HATCHES PLANS TO RULE THE UNIVERSE!





AS THE SHIPS LAND THEY ARE MET BY ZAN'S THOUGHT CONTROLLED ARMY. .



THE MEN ARE IMMEDIATELY CAPTURED. . . . .

GEE COLE, THESE GUYS LOOK DEAD!



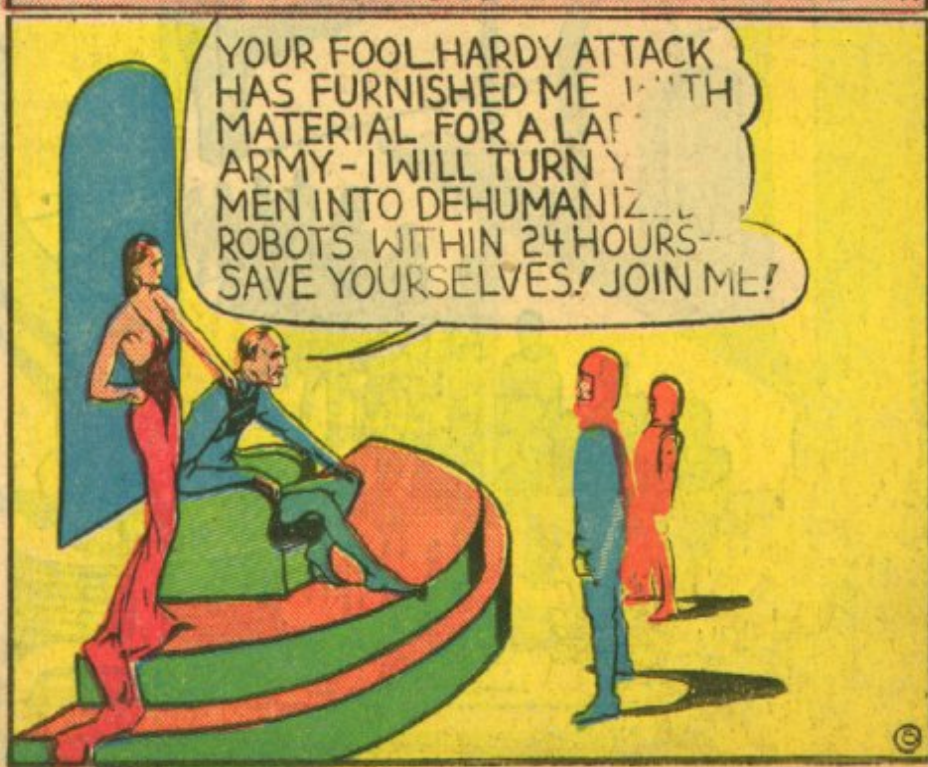
DEAD OR NOT THESE AUTOMATONS HAVE A POWERFUL GRIP. .

YOU'RE TELLIN' ME! THIS MONKEY'S NEARLY CRUSHIN' MY ARM



CAPT. COLE AND LIEUT. BUD ARE LED BEFORE ZAN.

YOUR FOOLHARDY ATTACK HAS FURNISHED ME WITH MATERIAL FOR A LARGER ARMY - I WILL TURN YOUR MEN INTO DEHUMANIZED ROBOTS WITHIN 24 HOURS - SAVE YOURSELVES! JOIN ME!

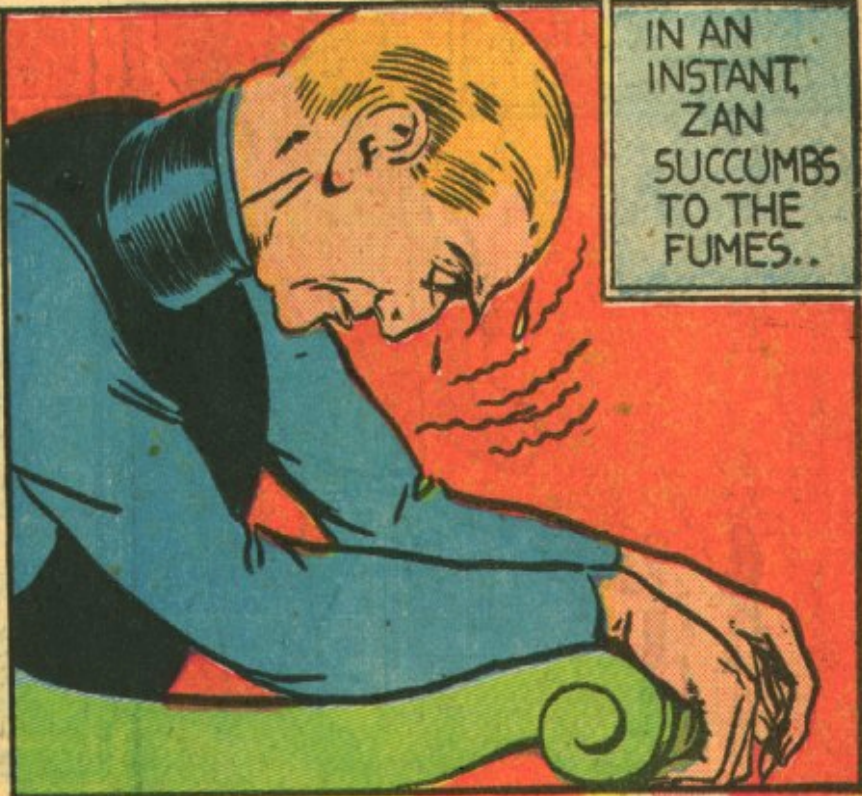




COLE'S HAND FLASHES TO HIS HIP. HE RELEASES THE VALVE ON HIS SULPHERIC VAPORIZER...



IN AN INSTANT, ZAN SUCCUMBS TO THE FUMES..



NOW, WE'LL DO SOME INVESTIGATING!

NICE WORK CAP!



NOT SO FAST, WE FORGOT ABOUT THESE DANGEROUS MUMMIES! LOOKS LIKE THEY GOT US, BUD! HEY WAIT, THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE HERE, THEY'RE MOTIONLESS!



THEY'RE UNDER SOME SORT OF HYPNOSIS!. I'VE GOT ZAN SENSELESS, AND THESE THINGS CAN'T MOVE!. ZAN MUST CONTROL THEM WITH HIS MIND!



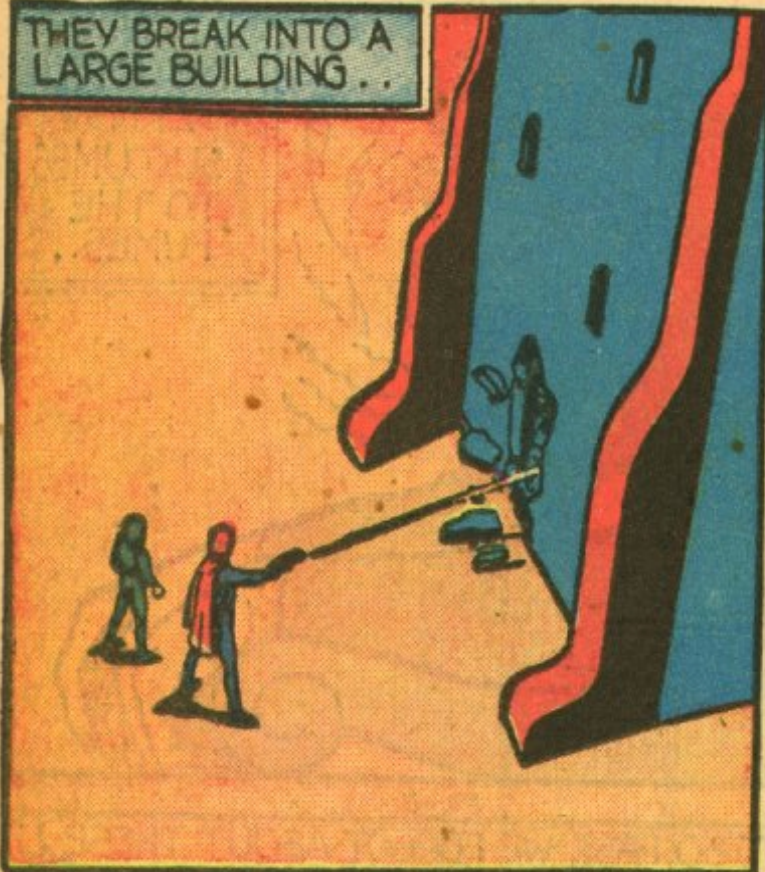
GREAT HEAVENS! THIS LIVING CORPSE WAS ONCE AN EARTH MAN -

THIS SURE GIVES ME THE CREEP CAP!

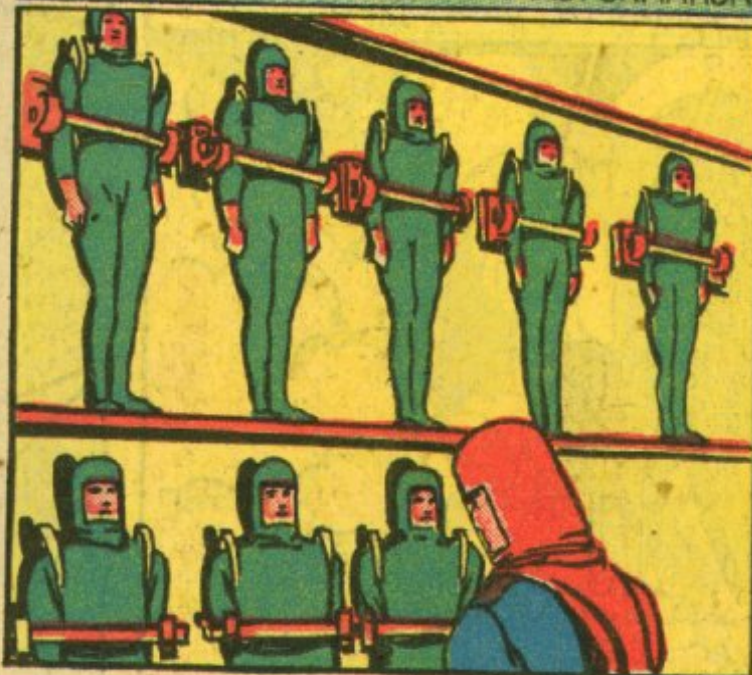




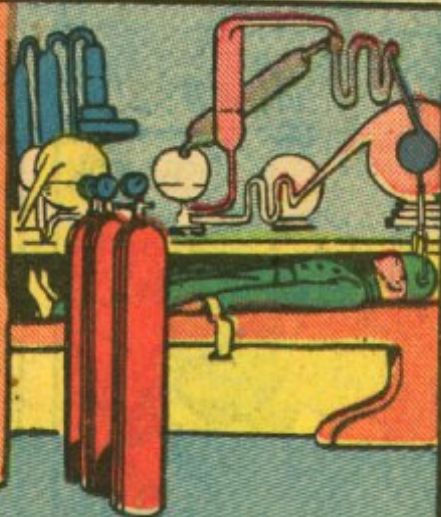
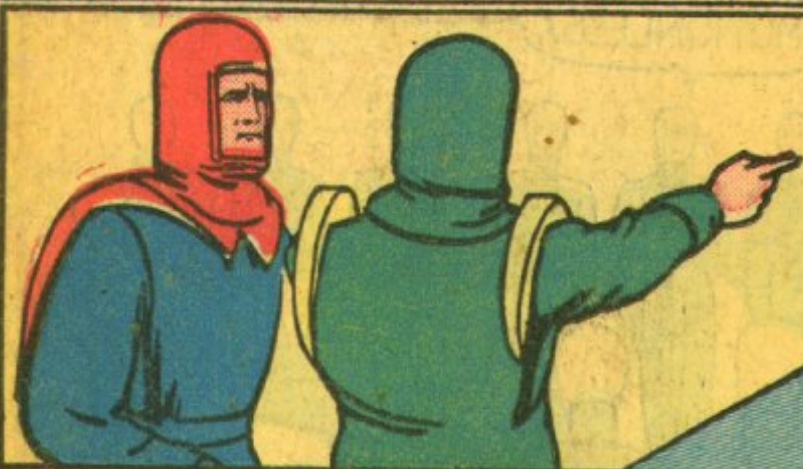
THEY BREAK INTO A  
LARGE BUILDING...



INSIDE, ROWS OF MEN LINED ALONG WALL  
SHELVES AWAIT THEIR TRANSFORMATION



ONE OF THE MEN RELEASED BY COLE SHOWS HIM THE  
FIENDISH MACHINE THAT MAKES MEN INTO ROBOTS.



CAPTAIN! THIS RED  
STUFF LOOKS LIKE  
VITA 'H' B AND C-HM-  
I WONDER...?!



MEANWHILE ZAN RECOVERS...

I WAS A FOOL TO LET  
THEM PUT THIS OVER  
ON ME! I'LL GET THEM  
IF IT'S THE  
LAST  
THING  
I DO!





BUD IS THE FIRST ONE TO SEE THE GRUESOME ARMY MARCHING TOWARD THEM . . .

CAPTAIN COLE! THE ROBOTS ARE COMING DOWN!



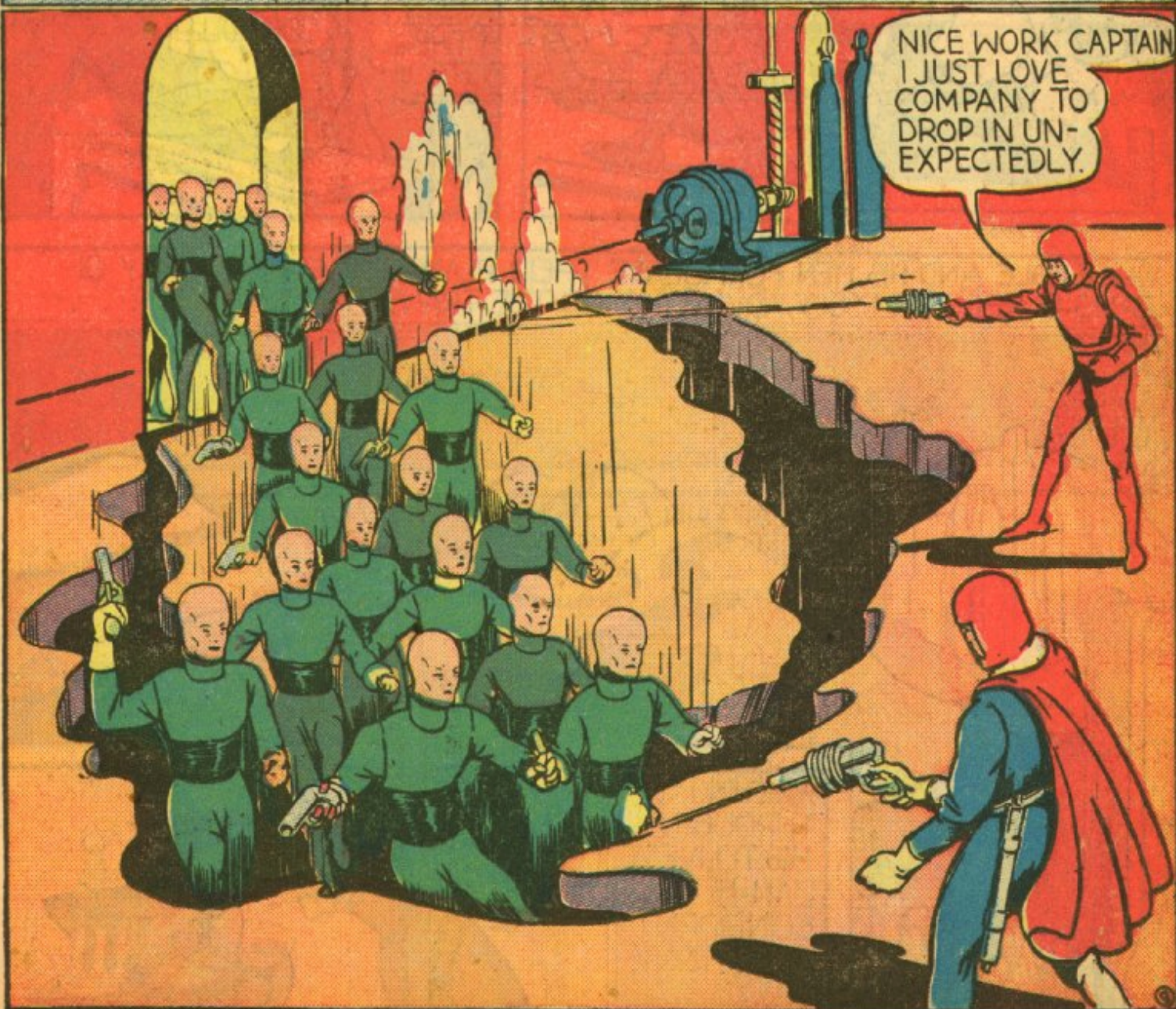
WHAT NOW, CAPTAIN? OUR GUNS WON'T WORK ON THEM.

BUT THEY WILL CUT THROUGH THIS STEEL FLOOR, BUD!



ZAN'S DEAD MEN MARCH INTO THE TRAP. . UNABLE TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES THEY CAN ONLY FOLLOW OUT THE MASTERS ORDER TO GO FOWARD. . INTO THE PIT BELOW THEY FALL, PILING ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER . . .

NICE WORK CAPTAIN I JUST LOVE COMPANY TO DROP IN UN-EXPECTEDLY.







NOW, IF WE CAN  
REVIVE THEM,  
THEY'D BE OF  
GREAT HELP  
TO US!



YOU WERE RIGHT BUD! THIS IS  
VITA 'H' B' AND 'C'! ZAN MUST  
HAVE EXTRACTED THIS  
VITAL ELEMENT FROM  
THE BODIES OF THESE  
MEN!

A 'LIVING CORPSE' IS FORCED DOWN ON THE  
TABLE AS COLE INOCULATES HIM . . .



QUICK, BRING A  
SPACE SUIT!  
ALIVE, HE'D  
NEVER  
ENDURE  
THE HEAT!

IN A SHORT WHILE, MOST OF THE  
'DEAD MEN ARE' REVIVED . . .

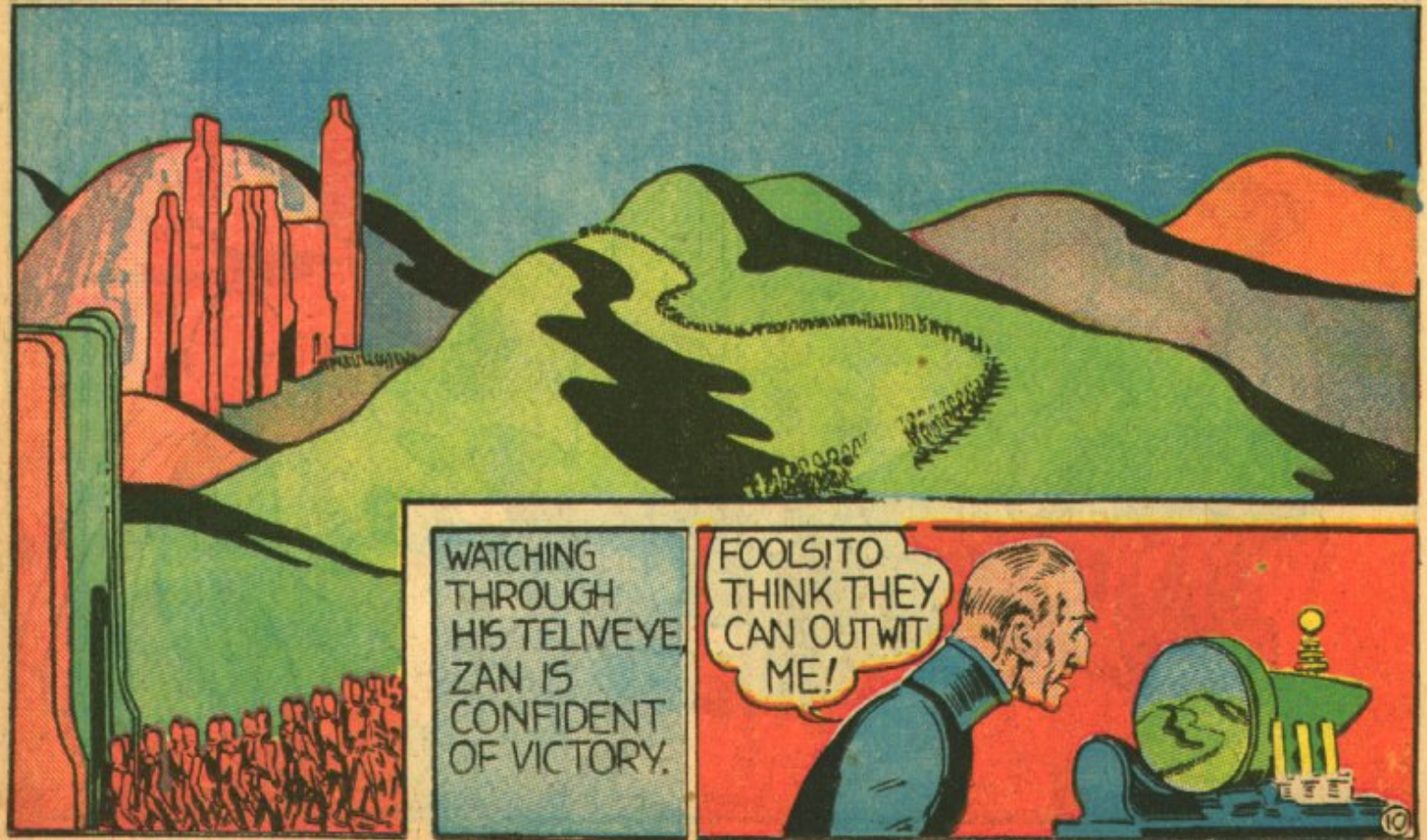


WE STILL HAVE TO  
CONTENT WITH  
ZAN'S ARMY!  
THERE MUST BE  
SOME WAY!

THERE IS, SIR!  
BEFORE MY  
TRANSFORMATION  
I HEARD ZAN

SPEAK  
OF A  
'CONTROLLER'

WHILE COLE AND HIS MEN FORMULATE THEIR PLANS, THE ENT . . . ARMY OF  
ZAN'S IS RELENTLESSLY ADVANCING ON THE TRANSFORMATORY . . . . .



WATCHING  
THROUGH  
HIS TELIVEYE,  
ZAN IS  
CONFIDENT  
OF VICTORY.



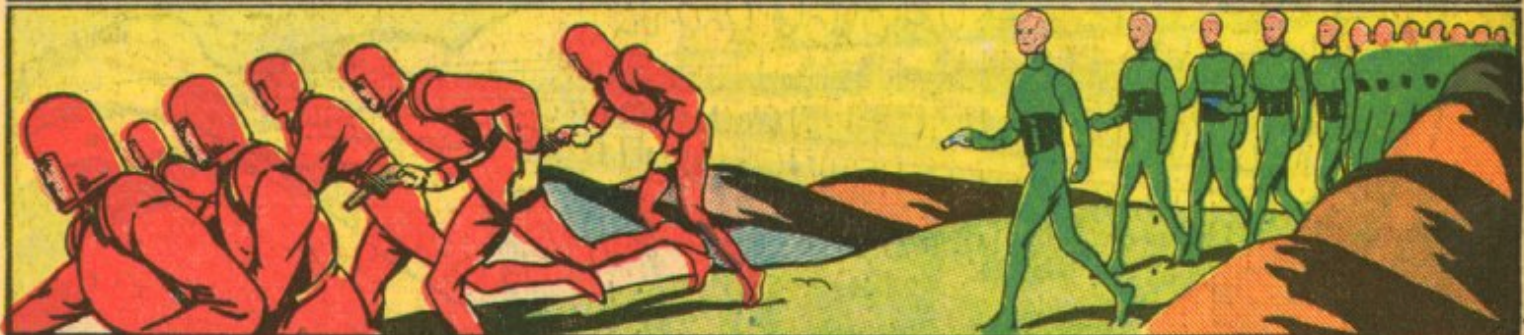
FOOLS! TO  
THINK THEY  
CAN OUTWIT  
ME!



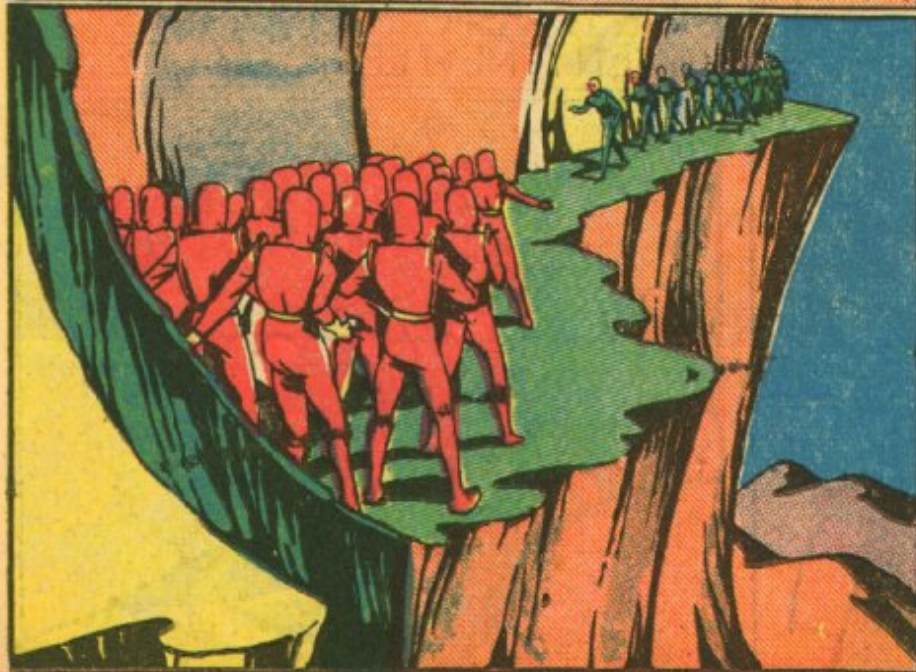
ALTHOUGH STRONG IN NUMBER, CAPTAIN COLE'S ARMY IS  
HELPLESS AGAINST THE IMPREGNABLE ZAN MEN . . . .



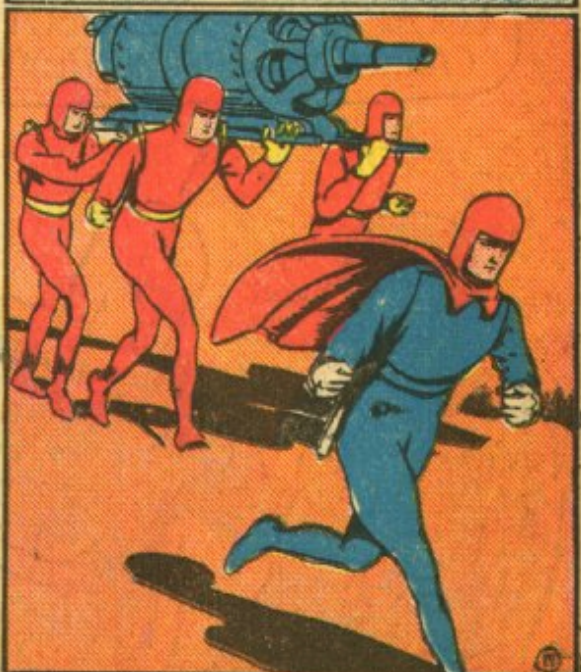
THEY ARE FORCED TO RETREAT FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM THE CITY . . . .



THE ARMY REACHES A BLIND PASS-A YAWNING  
ABYSS ON ONE SIDE-THE MARCHING ROBOT  
MEN STILL ADVANCING . . . .

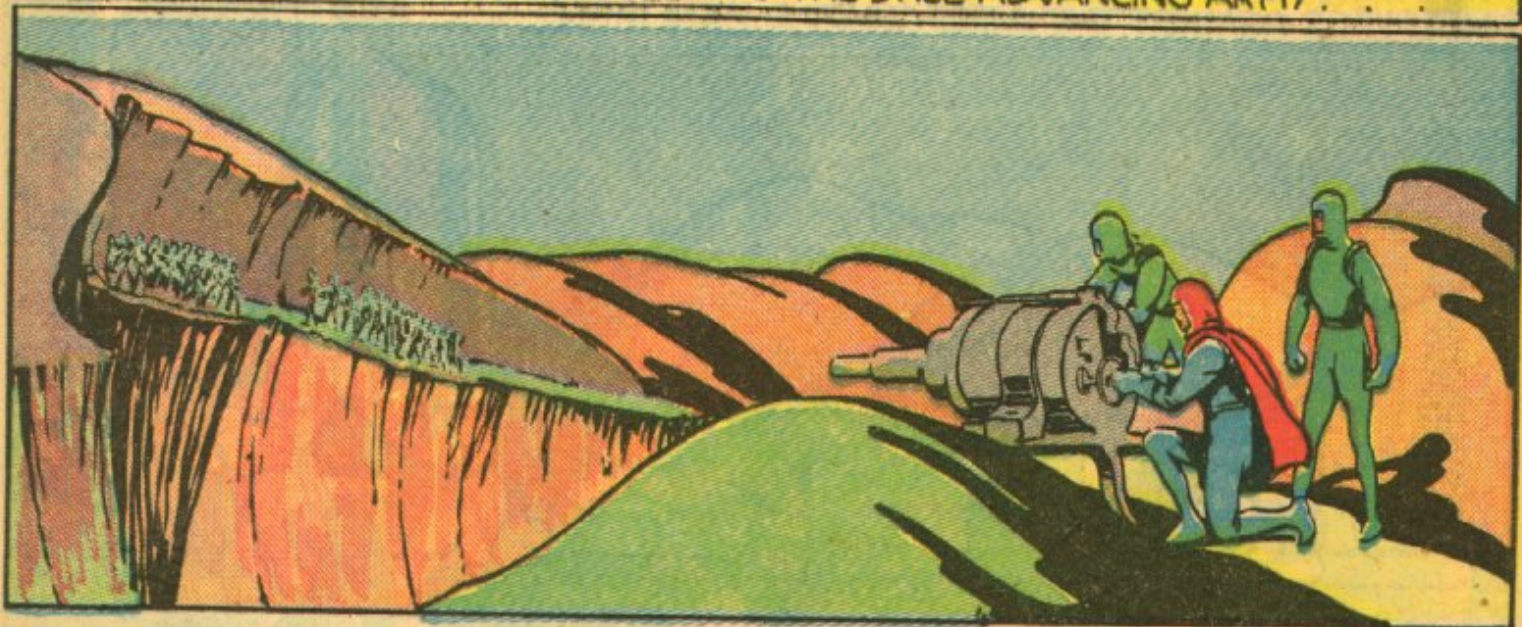


MEANWHILE, COLE CAPTURES  
ZAN'S "CONTROLLER" USED IN CASE  
HIS ROBOTS BECOME UNMANGEABLE

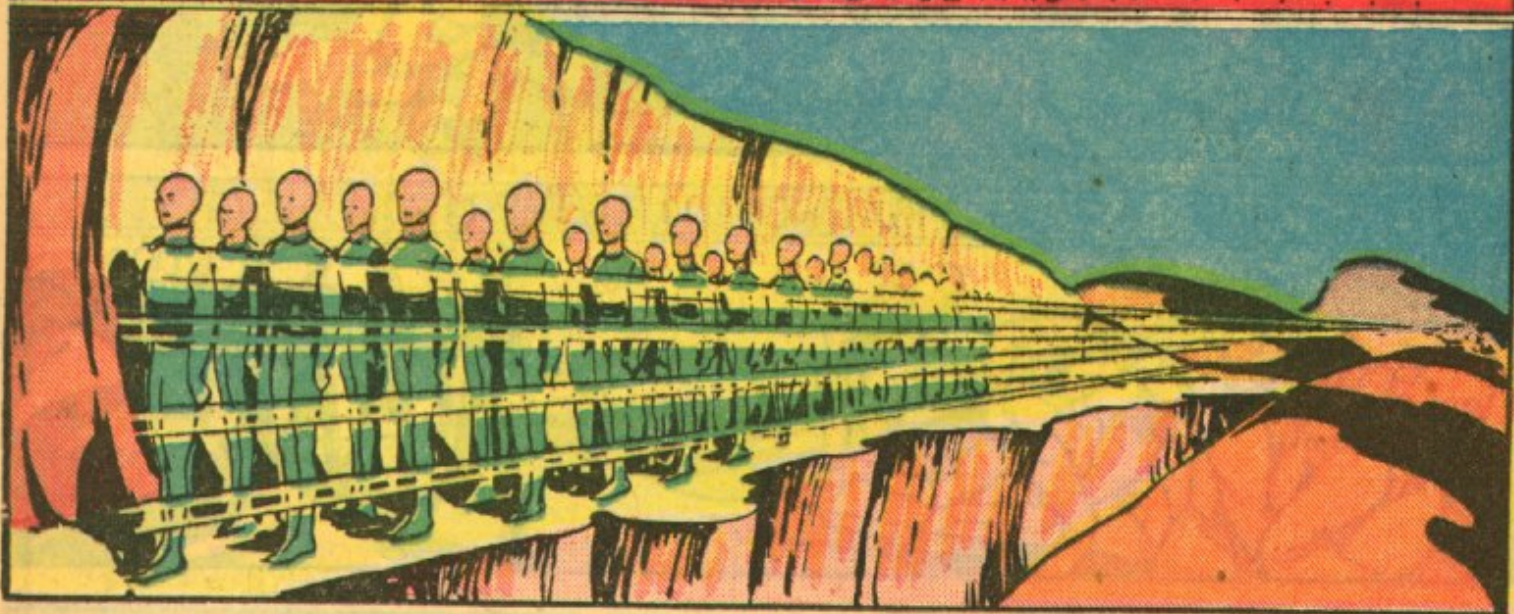




CAPTAIN COLE AIMS THE 'CONTROLLER' AT THE STILL ADVANCING ARMY.



THE MARCHERS ARE PARALYZED BY THE POWERFUL RAYS.



NOW TO GET ZAN! THE UNIVERSE WON'T BE A SAFE PLACE, AS LONG AS HE IS LOOSE! HAVE THE ROBOT MEN CARRIED BACK AND REVIVED!



ACTING ON CAPTAIN COLE'S ORDERS, HIS MEN CARRY THE 'ROBOTS' TO THE TRANSFORMATORY TO BE GIVEN A NEW LEASE ON LIFE...





CAPTAIN COLE, BUD AND SEVERAL MEN HASTEN TO ZAN'S PALACE QUARTERS.



BEFORE WE TAKE YOU, ZAN, YOU MUST REVEAL THE SECRET OF YOUR MAGNETIC POWER AND SO END TROUBLE OF THIS KIND FOREVER!

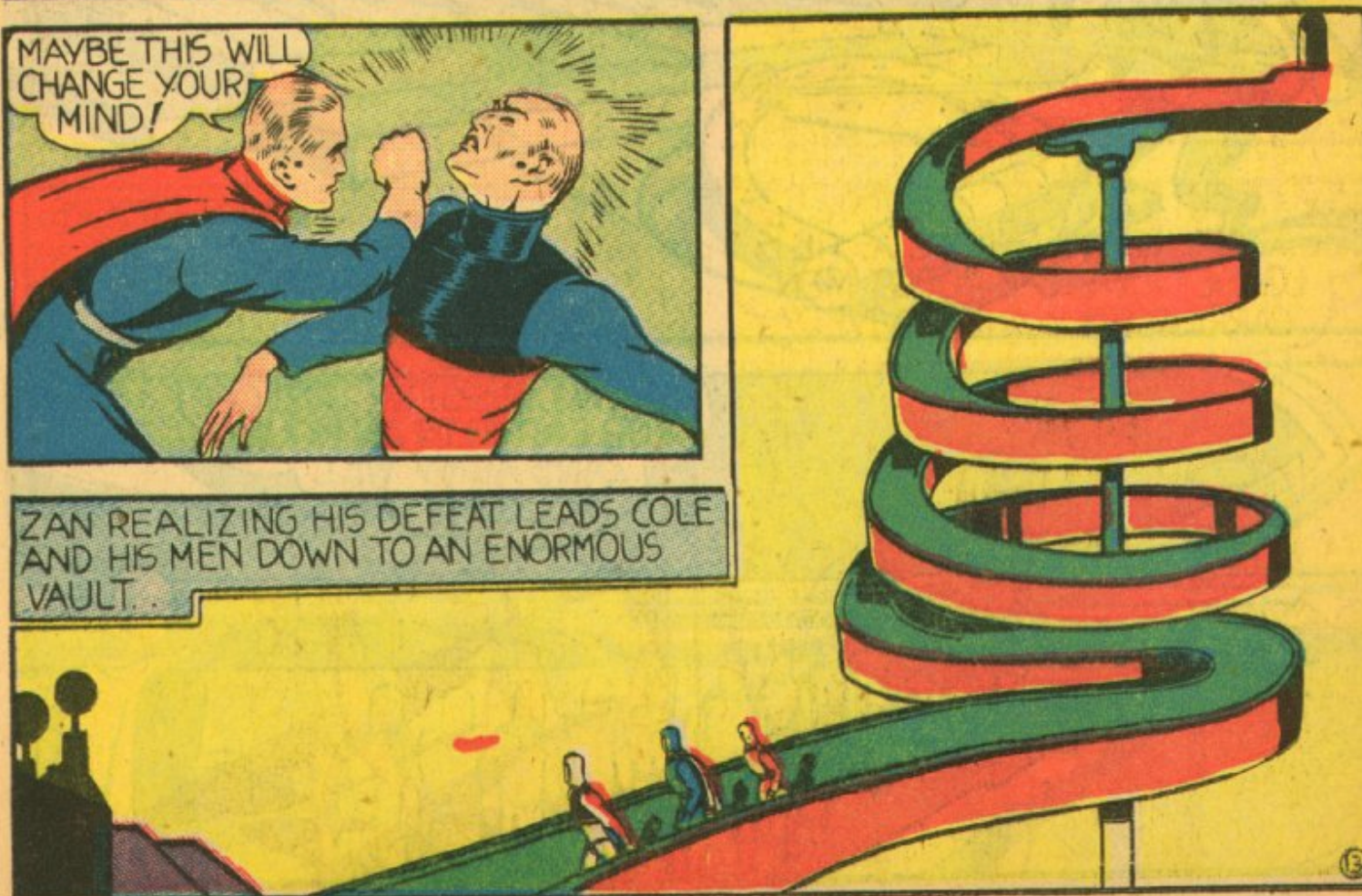
YOU'RE A FOOL TO THINK I WOULD GIVE UP SUCH A SECRET!



MAYBE THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND!



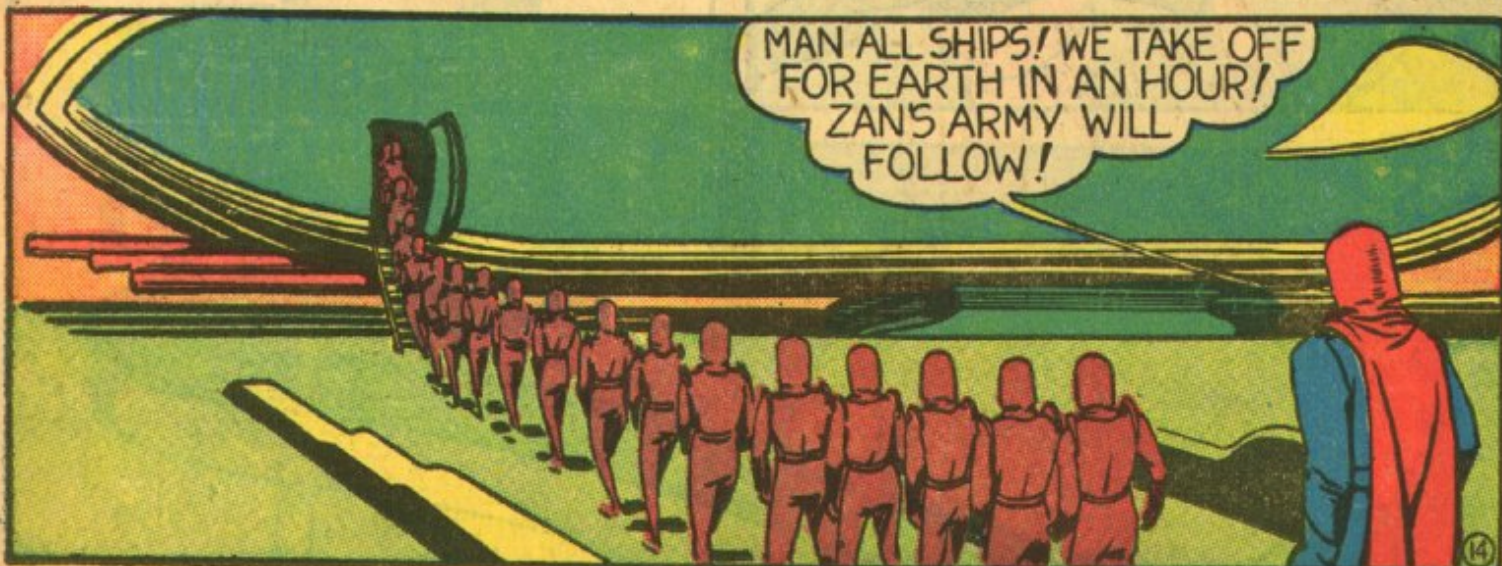
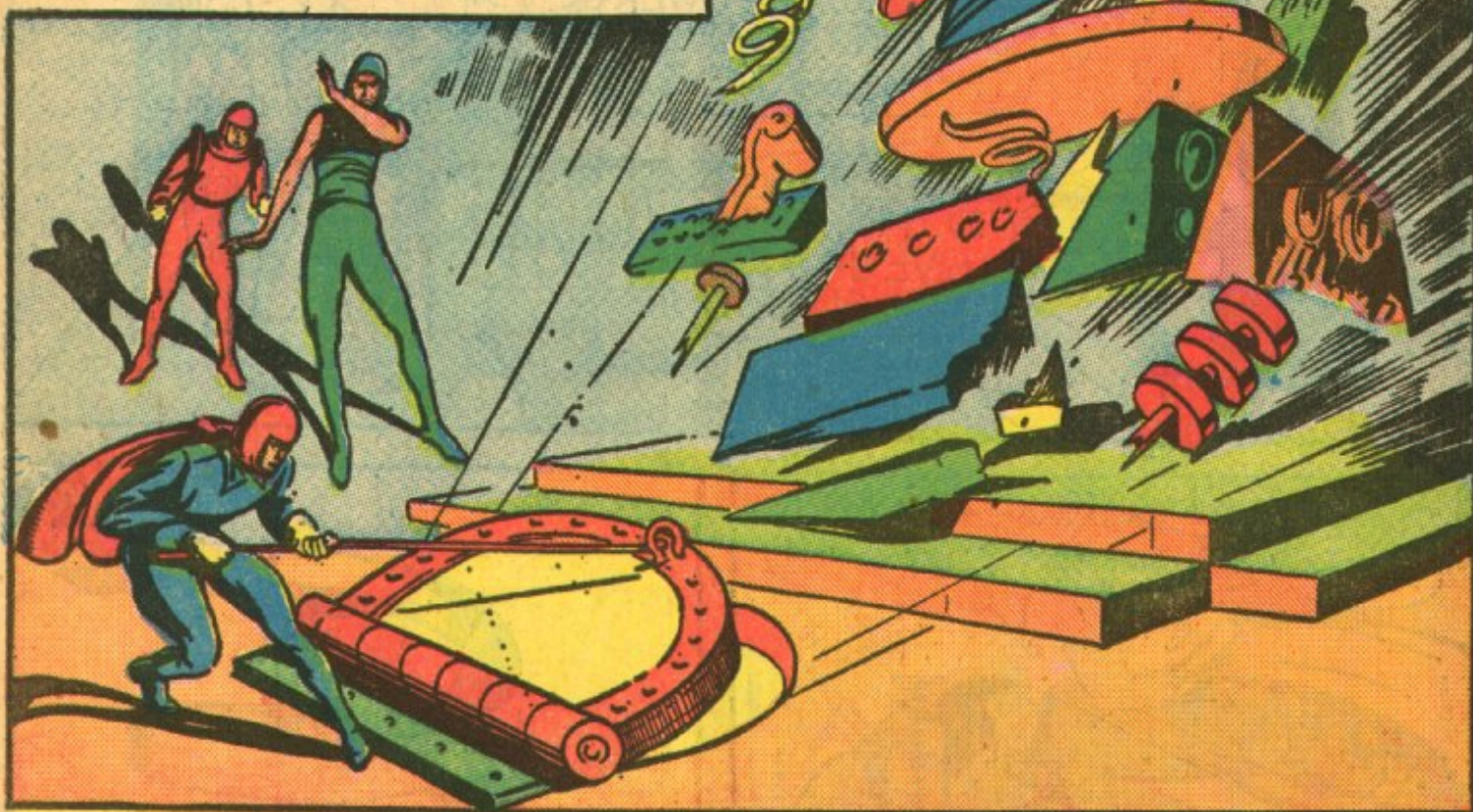
ZAN REALIZING HIS DEFEAT LEADS COLE AND HIS MEN DOWN TO AN ENORMOUS VAULT.





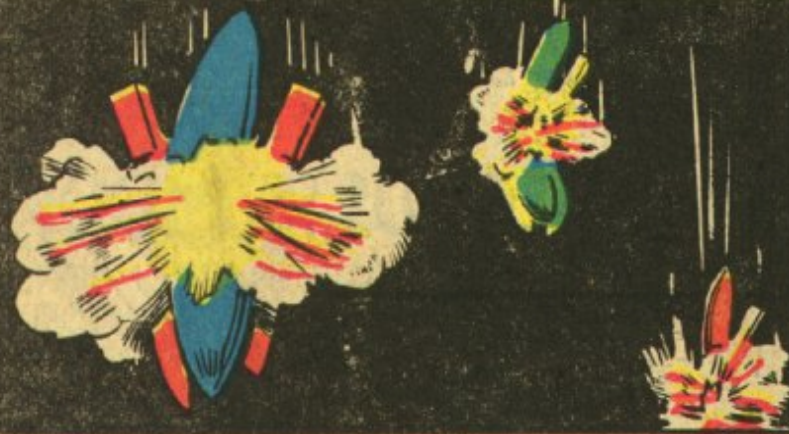


WITH A TREMENDOUS HEAVE, COLE LIFTS THE VALVE, RELEASING A BLAST OF DYNOGETIC GAS. THE MAGNETO IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. .





ZAN'S SHIPS, STILL LURKING IN SPACE,  
DROP TO ETERNITY AS THE POWER OF THE  
MAGNETO IS EXPLODED . . . . .

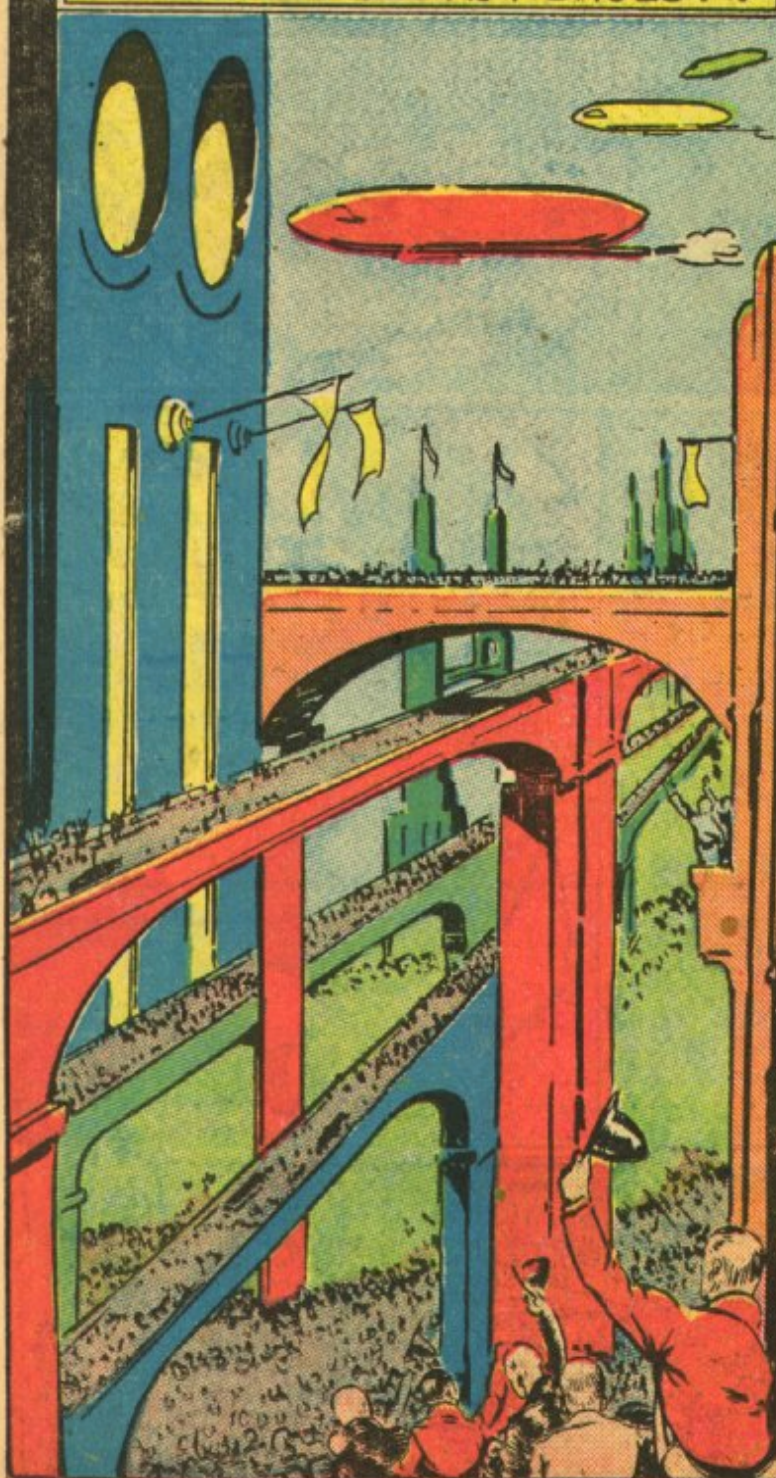


SPEEDILY THE VICTORIOUS  
ARMY SHOTS HOMEWARD . .



GEE, CAPTAIN, IT'S  
SURE GOOD TO  
LEAVE THAT FUR-  
NACE .

ON EARTH, CAPTAIN COLE AND HIS  
MEN ARE HAILED AS HEROES . .



ZAN IS IMMEDIATELY IMPRISONED  
ED . . . . .



AND COLE  
RECEIVES  
THE  
PRESIDENT'S  
AWARD.



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ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN  
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# SPURT HAMMOND

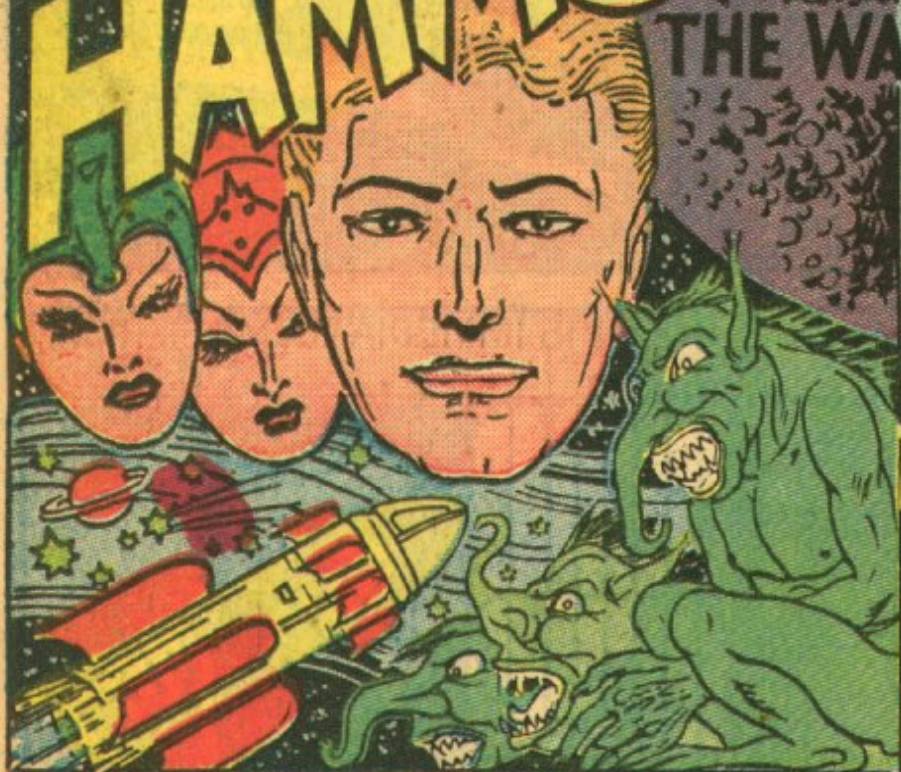
## PLANET FLYER

AND

## THE WAR LORDS OF THE MOON

THERE IS A WAR ON THE MOON, WHICH IS OVERRUN BY WAR LORDS, MUCH THE SAME AS IN PRESENT DAY CHINA. THE POLAR REGION OF THE MOON IS INHABITED BY LUNERZONS, FIERCE WOMEN WARRIOR, WHO WANT TO RULE IT.

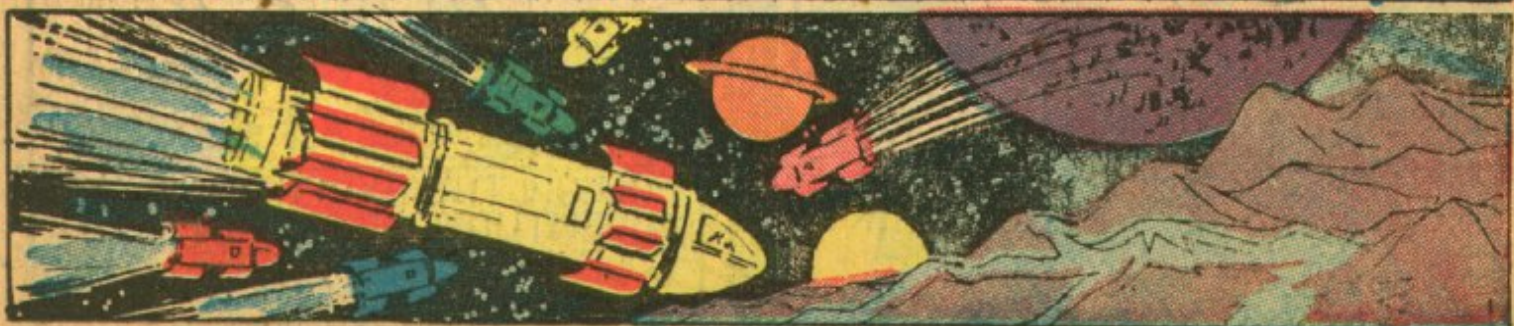
THE LUZERONS PLAN TO ROB THE INTERPLAETARY TRANSPORTS...



AS A TRANSPORT STARTS ON ITS REGULAR RUN FROM MARS TO EARTH:



SPURT HAMMOND, A YOUNG PILOT IS NAVIGATING THE TRANSPORT ON THIS RUN. SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMES A FLEET OF ROCKET SHIPS WHICH PURSUE SPURT'S SHIP, FORCE IT TO AN ASTEROID AND ROB IT OF ITS CARGO.

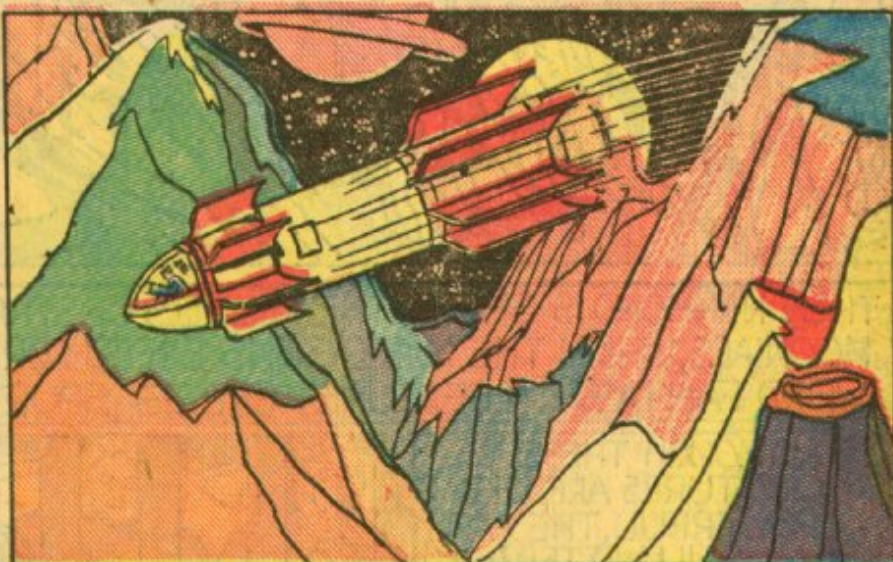




SPURT, ANGERED SLAPS ONE OF THE LUNERZONS. ....



SPURT'S SHIP HI-JACKED, THE LUNERZONS TAKE OFF IN THE ROCKET SHIPS AND LEAVE HAMMOND ON THE ASTEROID... SPURT DECIDES TO PURSUE THEM AND TRY TO RECOVER HIS STOLEN SHIPMENT.

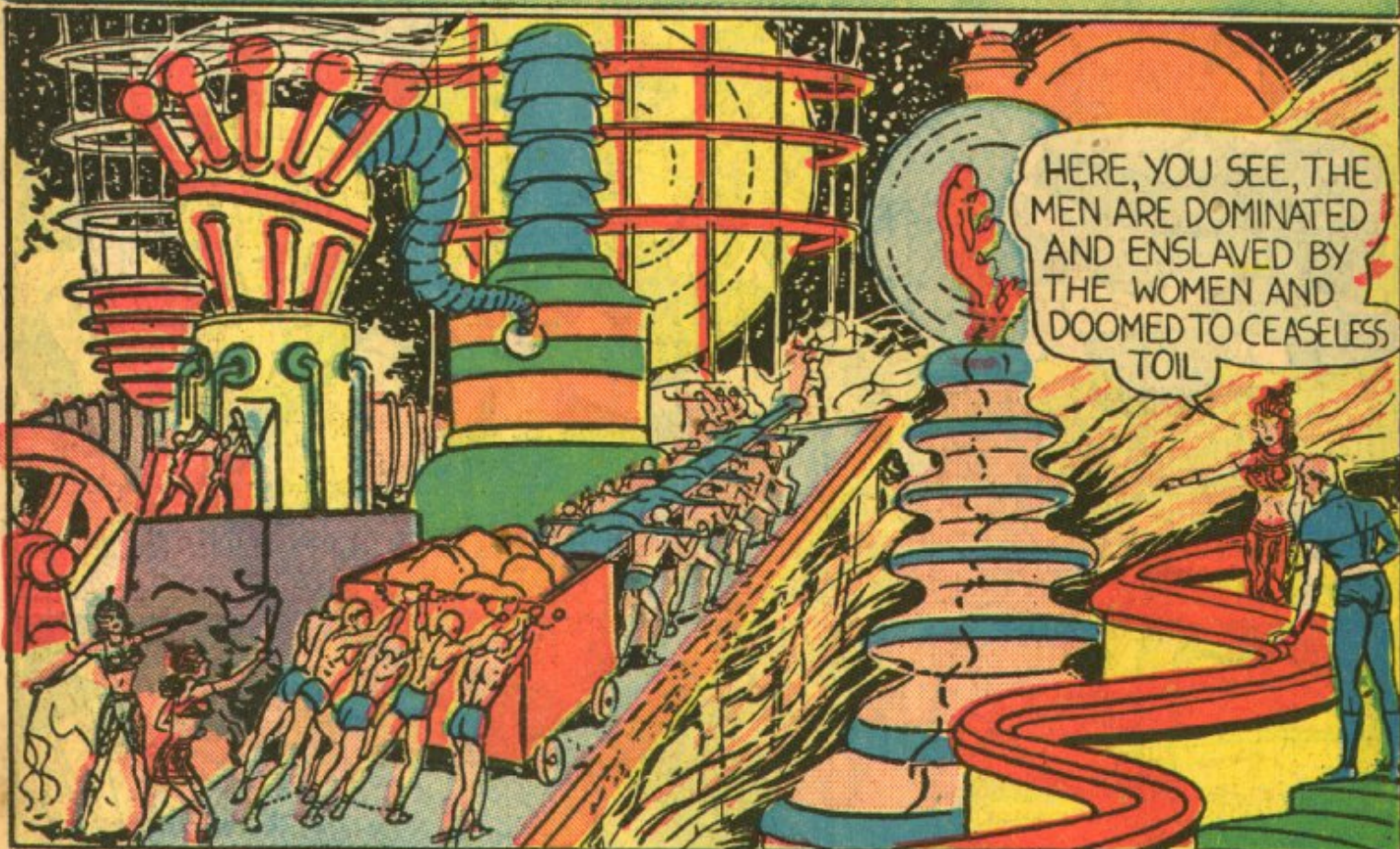


BUT, NO SOONER DOES SPURT LAND ON THE MOON, WHEN HE IS CAPTURED, AND BROUGHT BEFORE THEIR LEADER.





THE LUNERZONS SHOW SPURT THE HUGE PLANTS WHERE THEIR DEADLY EXPLOSIVES ARE MANUFACTURED . . .



THEN HAMMOND IS SHOWN THE KENNELS OF STRANGE MONSTERS CALLED, THE MOONIAKS, WHICH THE LUNERZONS BREED FOR SPORT. A HORRIBLE SIGHT OF WEIRD FANTASTIC CREATURES GREET'S SPURT'S EYES . . .

ALTHOUGH THESE CREATURES ARE VERY POWERFUL, THEY ARE DULLWITTED!

THEY SURE LOOK MEAN! AND PROBABLY PUT UP A FIERCE FIGHT!





SPURT OVERHEARS A BRAZEN PLOT TO DESTROY THE EARTH . . . . .

MY PLAN IS SIMPLE... WE RELEASE THE MOONIACS!



LOAD THEM WITH BOMBS, FLY THEM TO EARTH AND TURN THEM LOOSE!

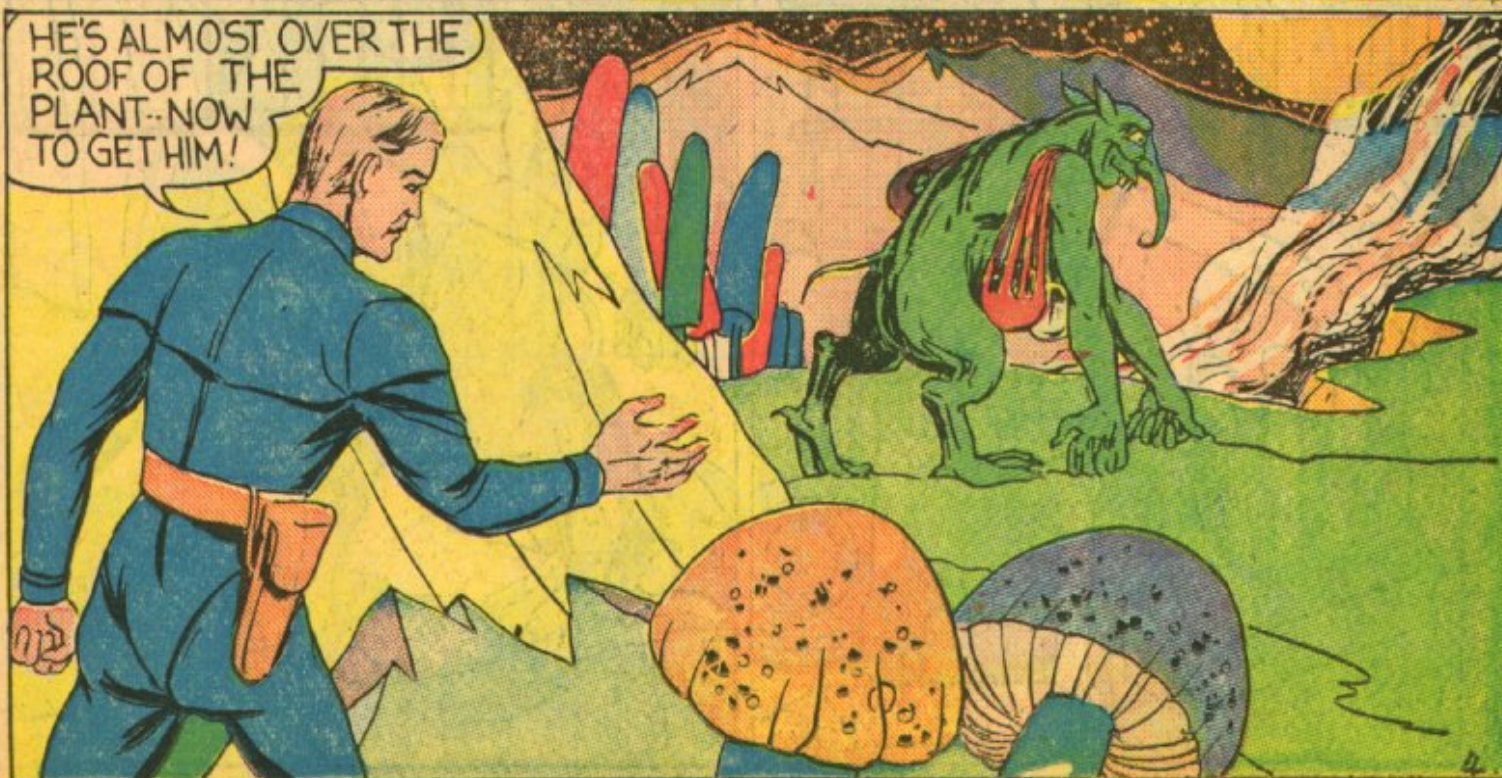


SPURT HITS UPON A PLAN . . . . .

I'LL MAKE A LIVING BOMB OF ONE OF THEM AND BLOW UP THE MUNITIONS PLANT!

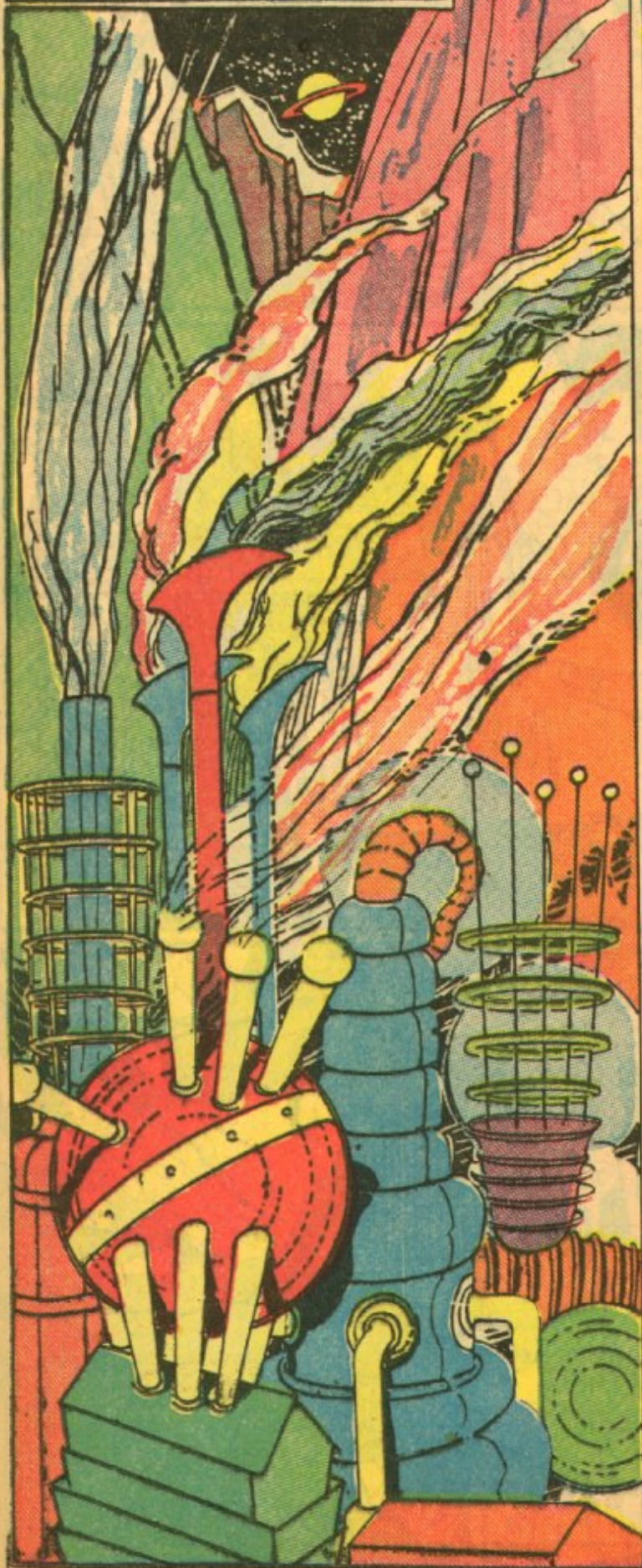


HE'S ALMOST OVER THE ROOF OF THE PLANT--NOW TO GET HIM!





SPURT TRAILS THE MOONIAK  
TO THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF  
THAT SHELTERS THE  
LUNERZON MUNITIONS  
WORKS . . . . .



THE CORNERED MONSTER TURNS  
TO FIGHT . . . A FIERCE STRUGGLE  
BEGINS . . . SUDDENLY







SPURT RAISES THE MONSTER OVER HIS HEAD AND FLINGS HIM INTO SPACE . . . . . THE BOMB LADEN MOONIAK LANDS ON THE MUNITIONS PLANT AND A THUNDEROUS EXPLOSION FOLLOWS . . .

WITH THE LUNERZONS DESTRUCTIVE POWER GONE, SPURT FIGHTS HIS WAY TO THE RADIO ROOM, FELLING MOONIAKS ONE BY ONE . . . . .



HOLDING THE BAFFLED LUNERZONS AT BAY, SPURT PHONES THE EARTH FOR A COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE TREATY . . . . .





FOLLOW THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SPURT HAMMOND IN THE NEXT ISSUE!



# BUZZ CRANDALL AND THE SPACE PATROL

CRUISING THROUGH SPACE IN THEIR ATOM-POWERED SHIP, BUZZ CRANDALL AND HIS HARDY CREW ARE CONSTANTLY ALERT TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF RECKLESS EARTHMEN WHO WANDER OFF TO OTHER PLANETS, SCIENTISTS, ADVENTURERS AND TREASURE-HUNTERS WHO INVADE THE FRONTIERS OF THE UNIVERSE, ALL TOO OFTEN SUCCUMB TO THE PERILOUS PITFALLS OF THE UNKNOWN, OR GET CAPTURED BY THE HOSTILE INHABITANTS OF ANOTHER WORLD.

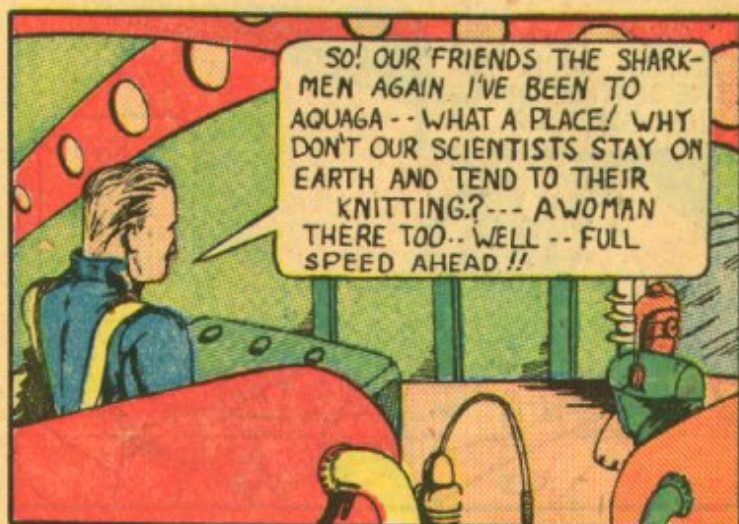
BY  
BOB JORDAN



THE SHIP IS NOW NEAR NEPTUNE—SUDDENLY AN SOS FLASHES ON THE ATOMECAST—DR. CURAN, THE NOTED SCIENTIST, AND HIS NEPTUNE EXPEDITION HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE VICIOUS SHARKMEN—SEMI-INTELLIGENT CREATURES LIVING UNDER THE MURKY WATERS WHICH COVER THE PLANET.



HEY! BUZZ,  
LOOKS LIKE  
ACTION ---



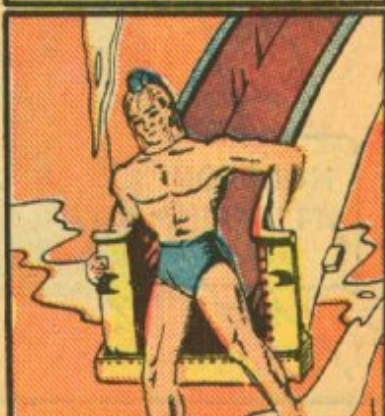
...AS THE SHIP NEARS THE WATERY SURFACE OF NEPTUNE ---



BUZZ ENTERS A SPECIAL CHAMBER TO COAT HIMSELF WITH DUROMEL, A FLEXIBLE PLASTIC, AND TO SEAL ON HIS OXY-HELMET ---

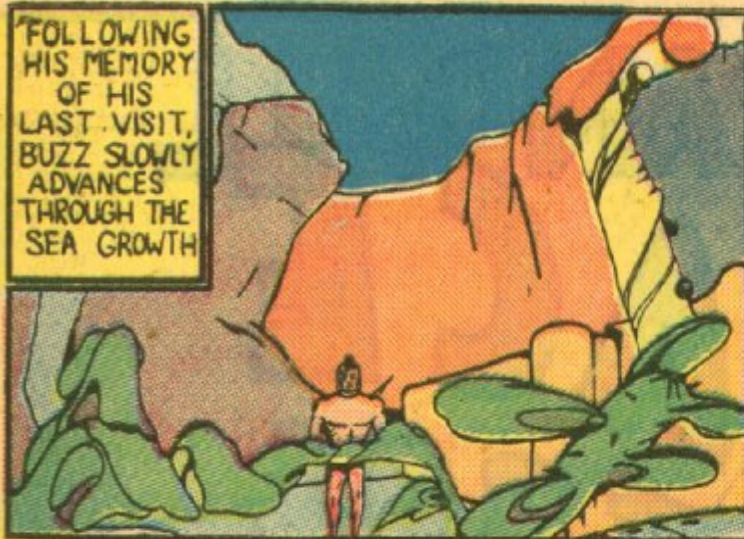


...WITH ORDERS GIVEN, BUZZ DRIFTS DOWN INTO ADVENTURE.





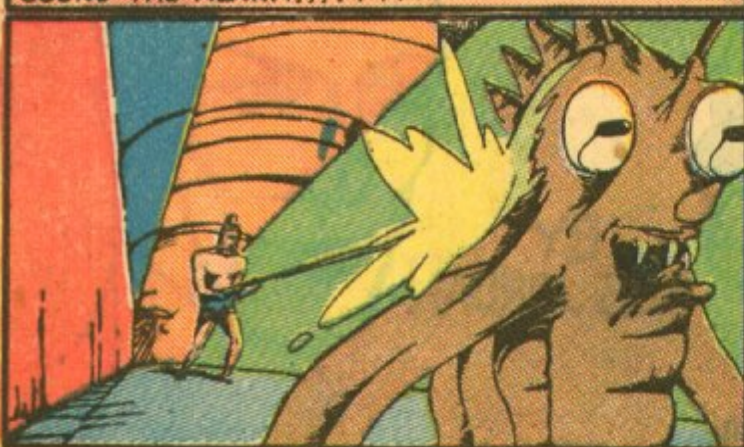
FOLLOWING HIS MEMORY OF HIS LAST VISIT, BUZZ SLOWLY ADVANCES THROUGH THE SEA GROWTH



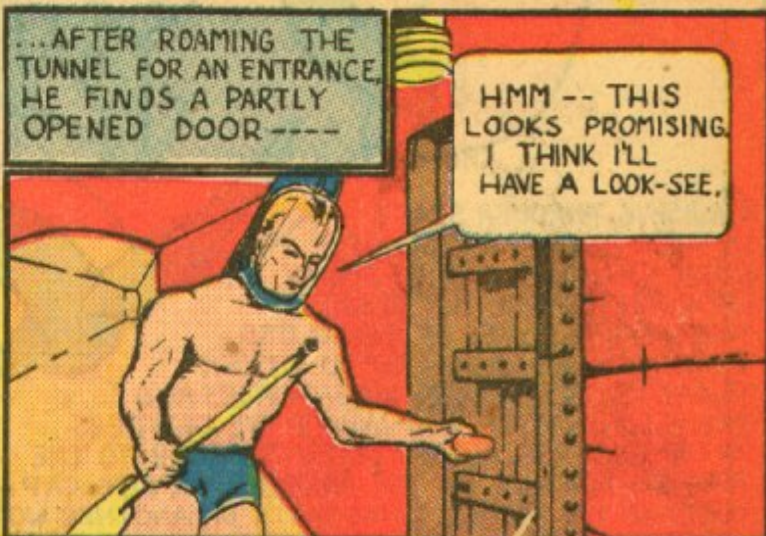
... FROM BEHIND A MARINE PLANT, BUZZ SURPRISES THE GUARDS AT A TUNNEL WATER-LOCK AND KILLS ONE, INJURING THE OTHER!



... FOLLOWING THE CRIPPLED MONSTER THROUGH THE LOCK, HE FIRES HIS GAS GUN BEFORE IT CAN SOUND THE ALARM.....

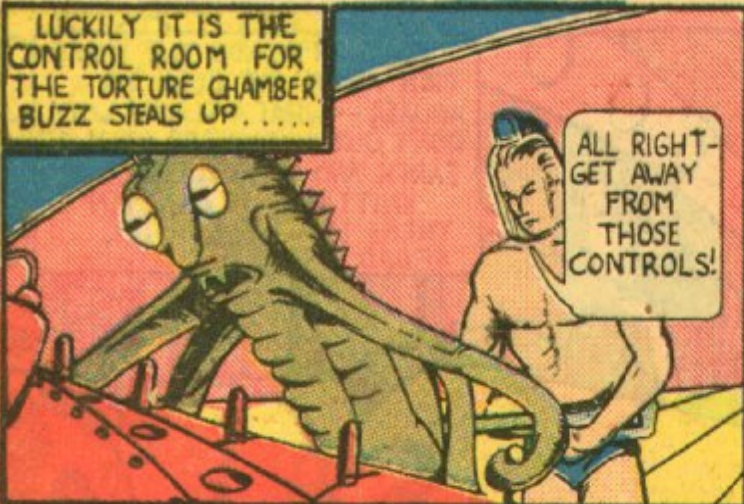


...AFTER ROAMING THE TUNNEL FOR AN ENTRANCE, HE FINDS A PARTLY OPENED DOOR----



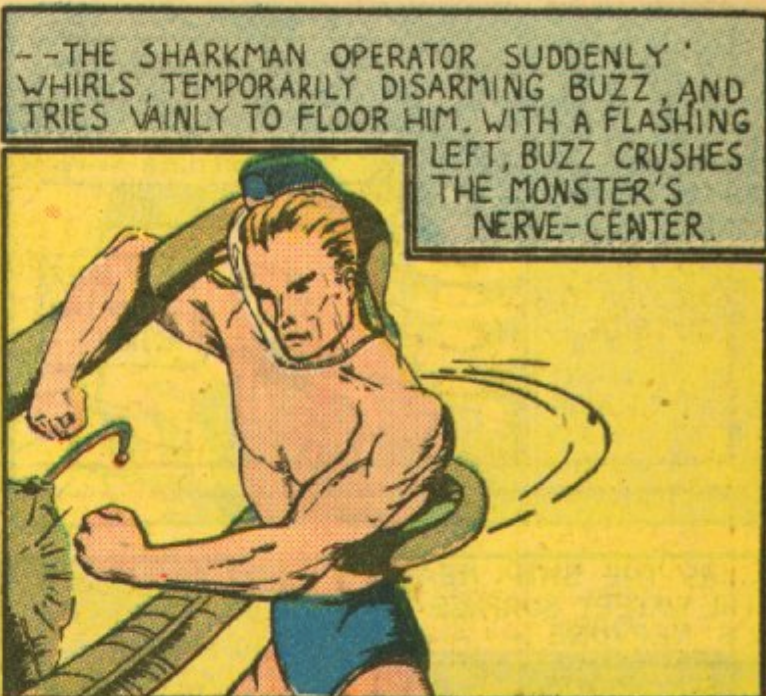
HMM -- THIS LOOKS PROMISING. I THINK I'LL HAVE A LOOK-SEE.

LUCKILY IT IS THE CONTROL ROOM FOR THE TORTURE CHAMBER. BUZZ STEALS UP.....



ALL RIGHT- GET AWAY FROM THOSE CONTROLS!

--THE SHARKMAN OPERATOR SUDDENLY WHIRLS, TEMPORARILY DISARMING BUZZ, AND TRIES VAINLY TO FLOOR HIM. WITH A FLASHING LEFT, BUZZ CRUSHES THE MONSTER'S NERVE-CENTER.



HOLD ON! I'M COMING DOWN!

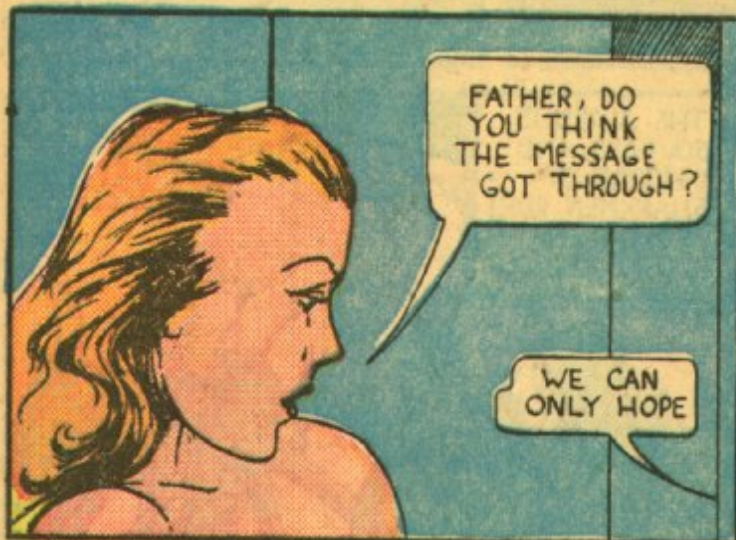
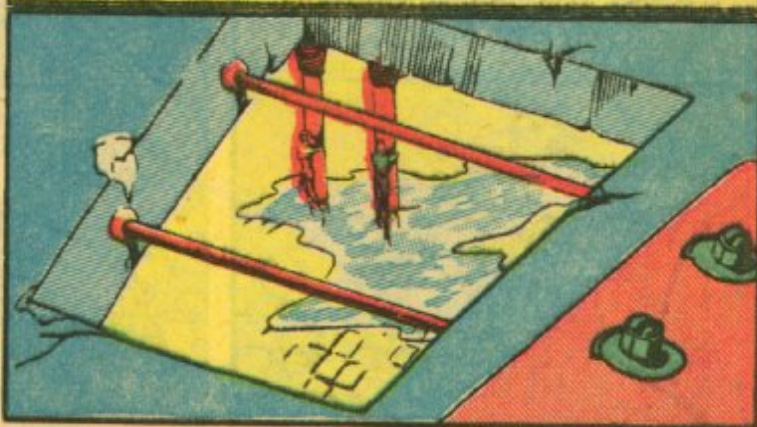




----- MEANWHILE THE RULER OF AQUAGA TRIES HARD TO FORCE DR. CURAN -----



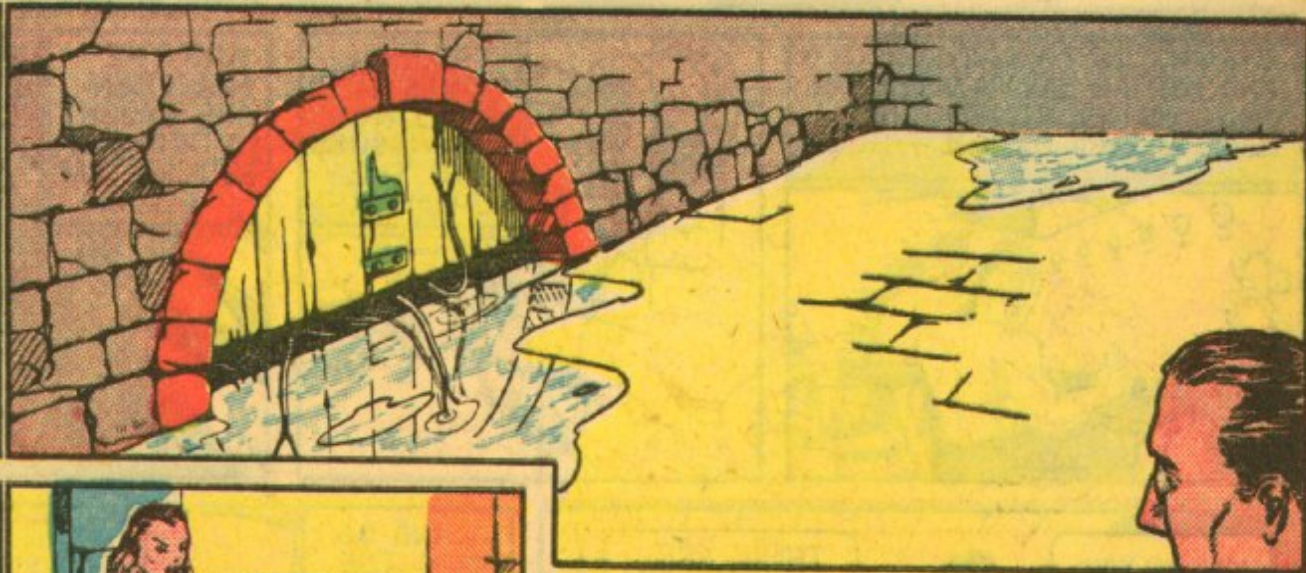
WITH HIS DAUGHTER, SANDRA TO REVEAL A METHOD OF TURNING WATER INTO AN EXPLOSIVE!



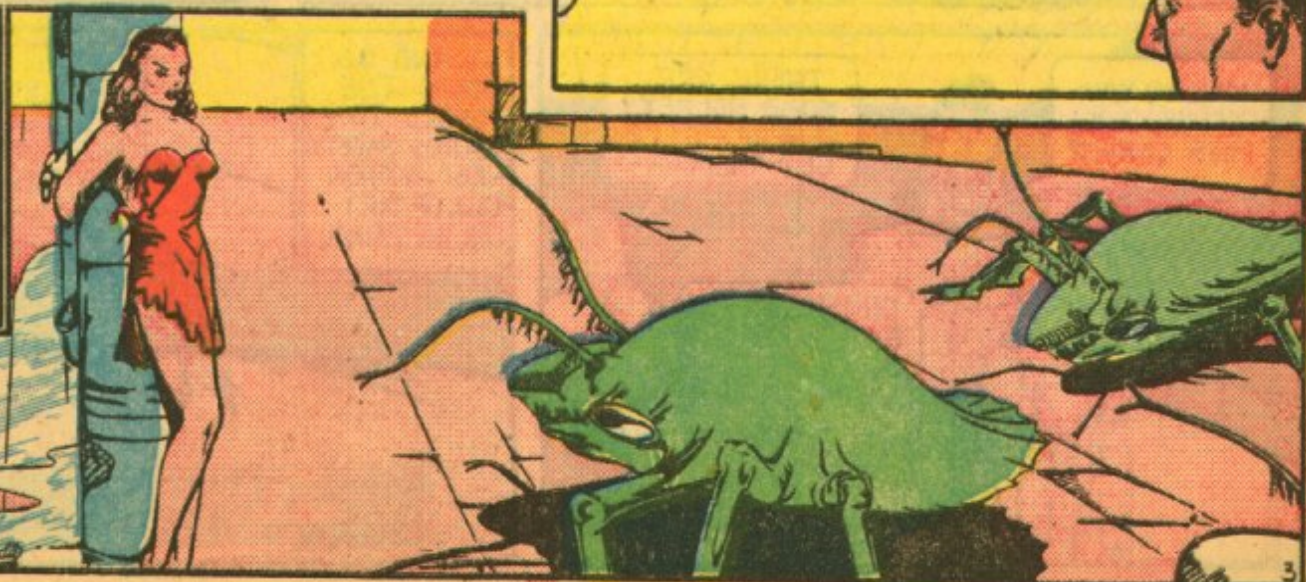
WE CAN ONLY HOPE



A DOOR OF A GATE IN THE WALL BEGINS TO RISE, AND SNAKY FEELERS BEGIN TO FEEL AROUND THE OUTSIDE --



AND THEN SQUEEZING THROUGH THE DARK OPENING..... SEA SPIDERS CURIOUSLY EYE THEIR PREY.....





SANDRA SCREAMS AS THE GIANT SEA SPIDERS COME CLOSE, FEEL THEIR PREY AND OPEN THEIR HUNGRY MAWS...



BUZZ TURNS HIS GAS GUN ON THE VICIOUS SPIDERS WITH A DEADLY EFFECT...



AFTER FREEING THEM, BUZZ MAKES FOR THE STEPS...



DO YOU THINK SHE WILL BE ALL RIGHT?

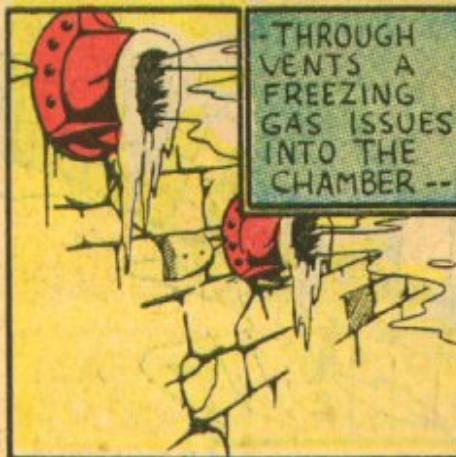
YES, SHE'S JUST FAINTED I DON'T BLAME HER!

THE ALARM IS SOUNDED, AND A HORDE OF SHARKMEN RUSH INTO THE EMPTY TORTURE CHAMBER.



HURRY! HERE THEY COME

DASHING INTO A CONTROL-ROOM AND PUTTING SANDRA UNDER THE CARE OF HER FATHER, BUZZ JERKS A LEVER ON THE PANEL...



THROUGH VENTS A FREEZING GAS ISSUES INTO THE CHAMBER...

AND THE SHARKMEN ARE CAUGHT IN THEIR OWN TORTURE TRAP BELOW...



HOW ARE YOU FEELING NOW, MISS CURAN?

THERE ARE SOME HELMETS IN HERE - IF I CAN GET THEM - - -

OH! I FEEL OK NOW, BUT YOU WERE WONDERFUL - - - JUST IN TIME!



---AND SO DOWN THE TUNNEL TOWARDS SAFETY - JUST ANOTHER CALL OF DUTY FOR THE PATROL.

LET'S HOPE THE NEXT TIME WE MEET IT WILL BE UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS - ER - MISS CURAN..



FOLLOW BUZZ CRANDALL'S ADVENTURES IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

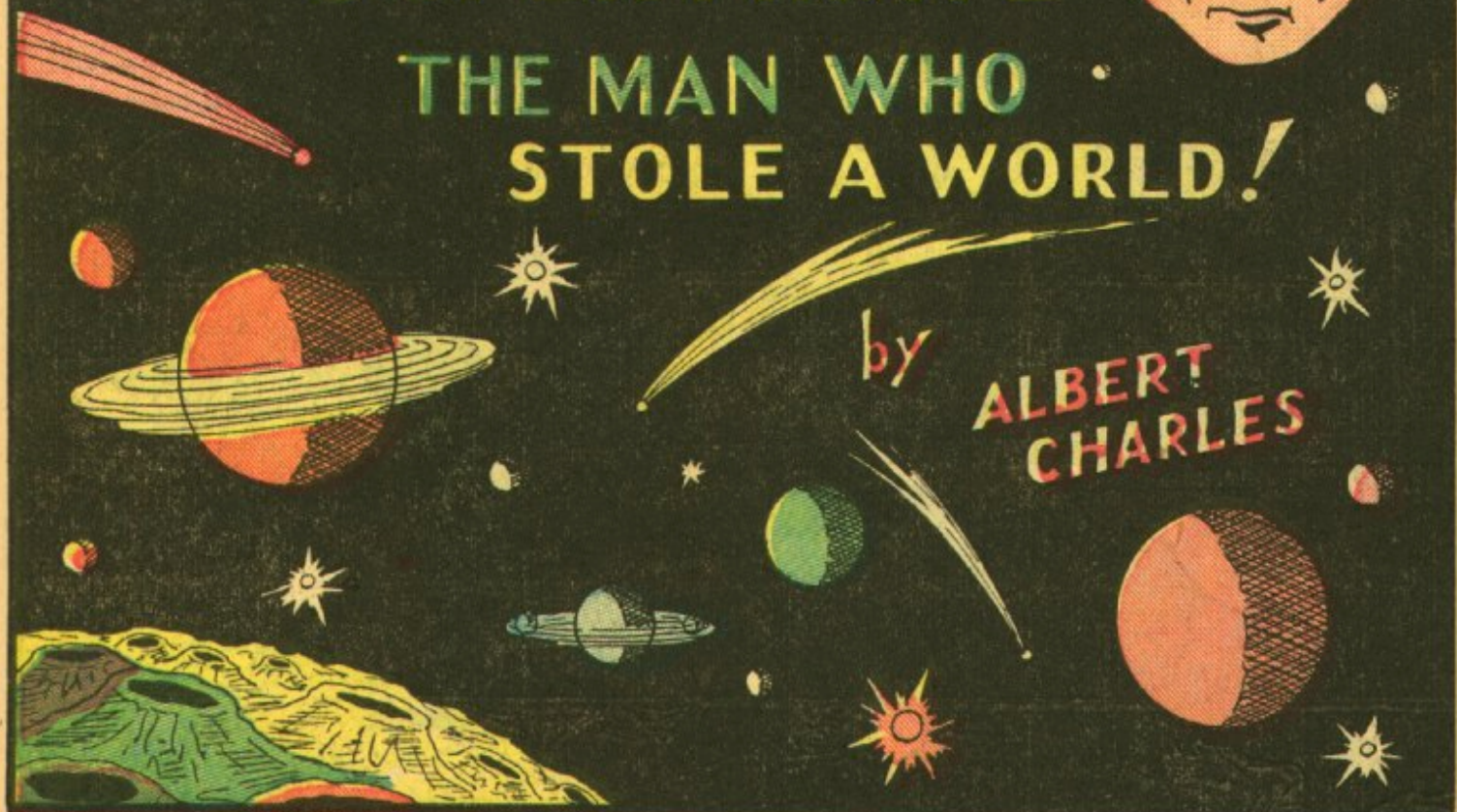


# QUORAK

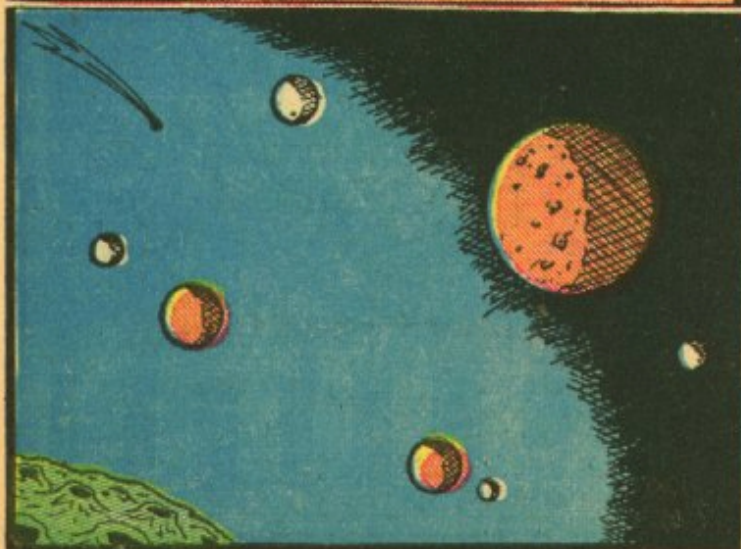
## SUPER PIRATE

### THE MAN WHO STOLE A WORLD!

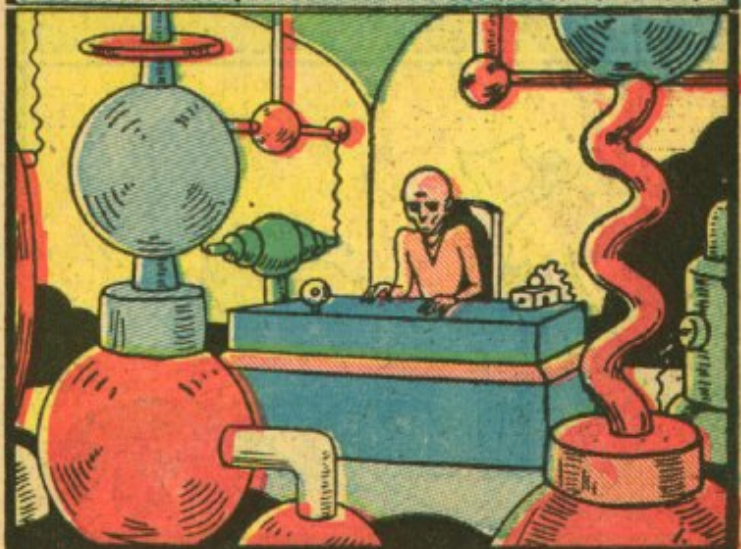
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THE PLANETOID, SPECTREMUS,  
ON THE OUTER EDGE OF THE  
UNIVERSE. IN 2,000 A.D.



INHABITED BY AN INSANE  
SCIENTIST FROM THE EARTH,  
NAMED QUORAK. . . . .

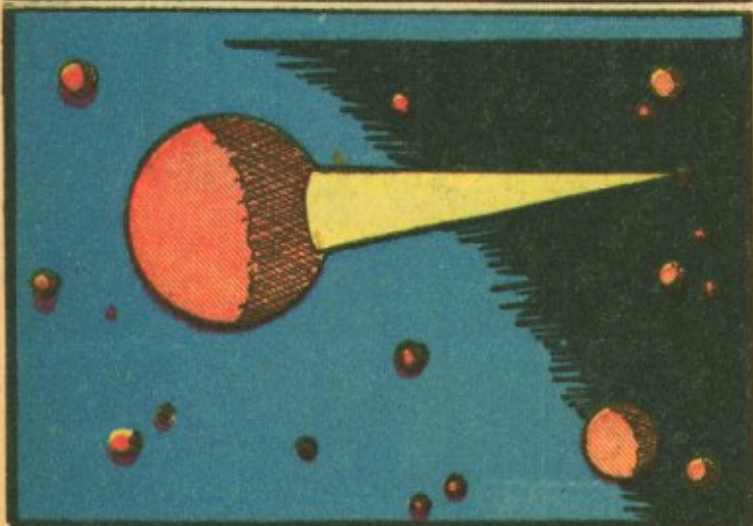




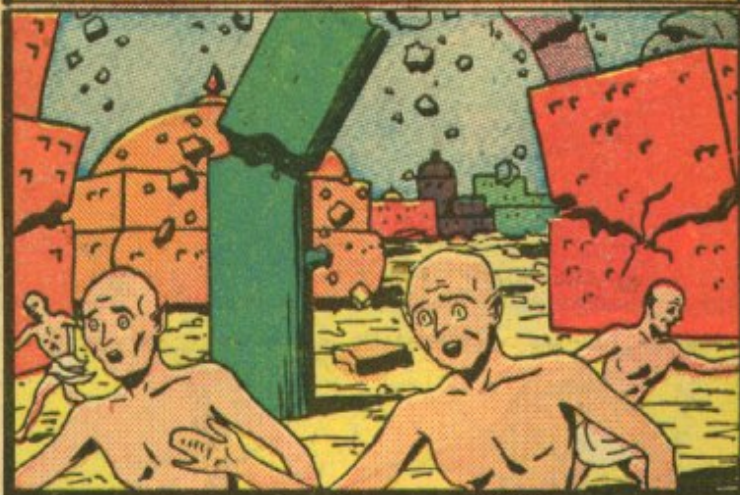
WITH HIS INVENTIONS, QUORAK  
THREATENS TO RULE THE UNI-  
VERSE AND DESTROY ALL TRACES  
OF CIVILIZATION... BY MEANS OF  
THE GREAT DEPOSIT OF LIDIUM  
ON SPECTREMUS, HE PLANS TO  
CONQUER PLUTO, GREATEST OF  
KNOWN PLANETS, BY INCREASING  
THE MAGNETIC FORCE OF  
LIDIUM ONE THOUSAND PER  
CENT.....



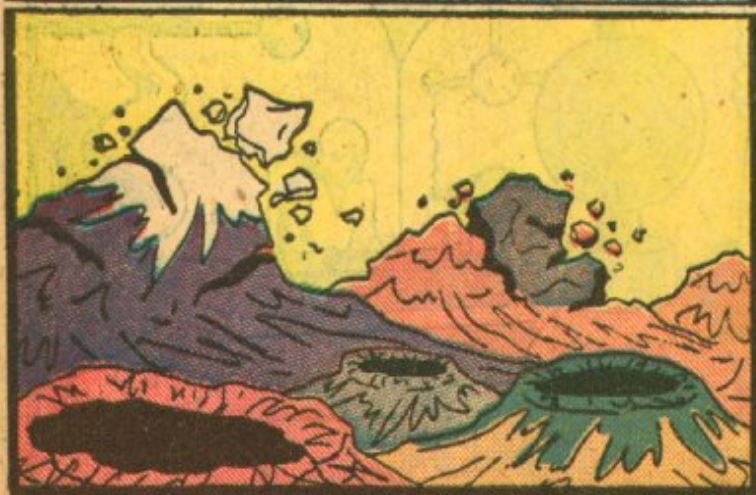
THROUGH HIS FIENDISH INVENTION,  
THE SPECTRO-MAGNET, HE DIRECTS A  
MAGNETIC RAY AT PLUTO..



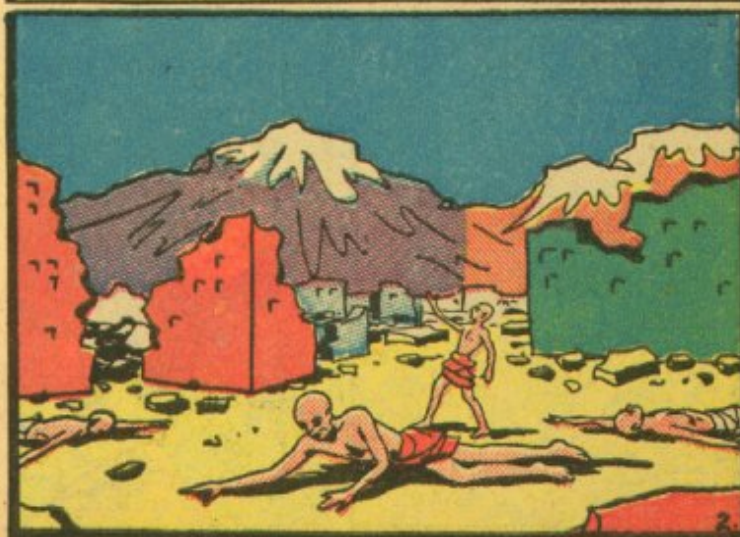
THE RAY PULLS PLUTO FROM ITS ORBIT,  
TOWARD SPECTREMUS, CAUSING DEATH  
AND DESTRUCTION AMONG MILLIONS  
OF PLUTONIANS



DRAWN AWAY FROM THE SUN, THE  
COLDER CLIMATE CAUSES CONTRACTIONS  
OF PLUTO'S SURFACE.... MOUNTAINS  
CRUMBLE...

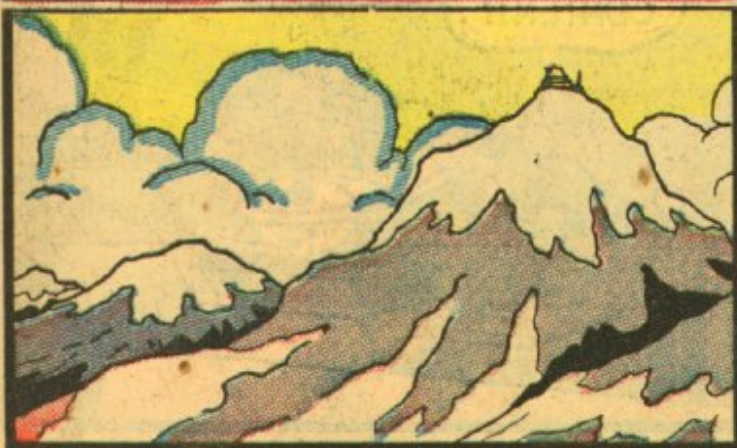


WHILE ITS INHABITANTS ARE KILLED  
BY PLUTOQUAKES AND FREEZING  
TEMPERATURES . . . . .

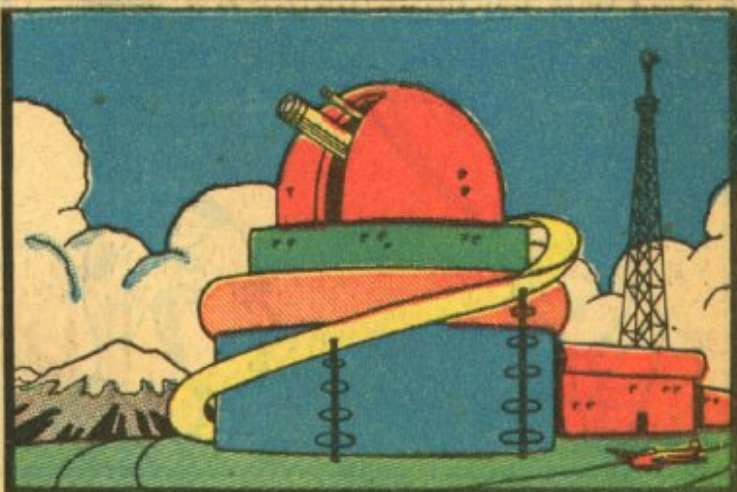




HIGH ON MT. EVEREST, IN INDIA, THE  
WORLD'S GREATEST OBSERVATORY  
SCANS THE INTER-STAR SPACES..



NIGHT AND DAY, THE ASTRONOMERS  
STUDY THE PLANETS AND STARS...



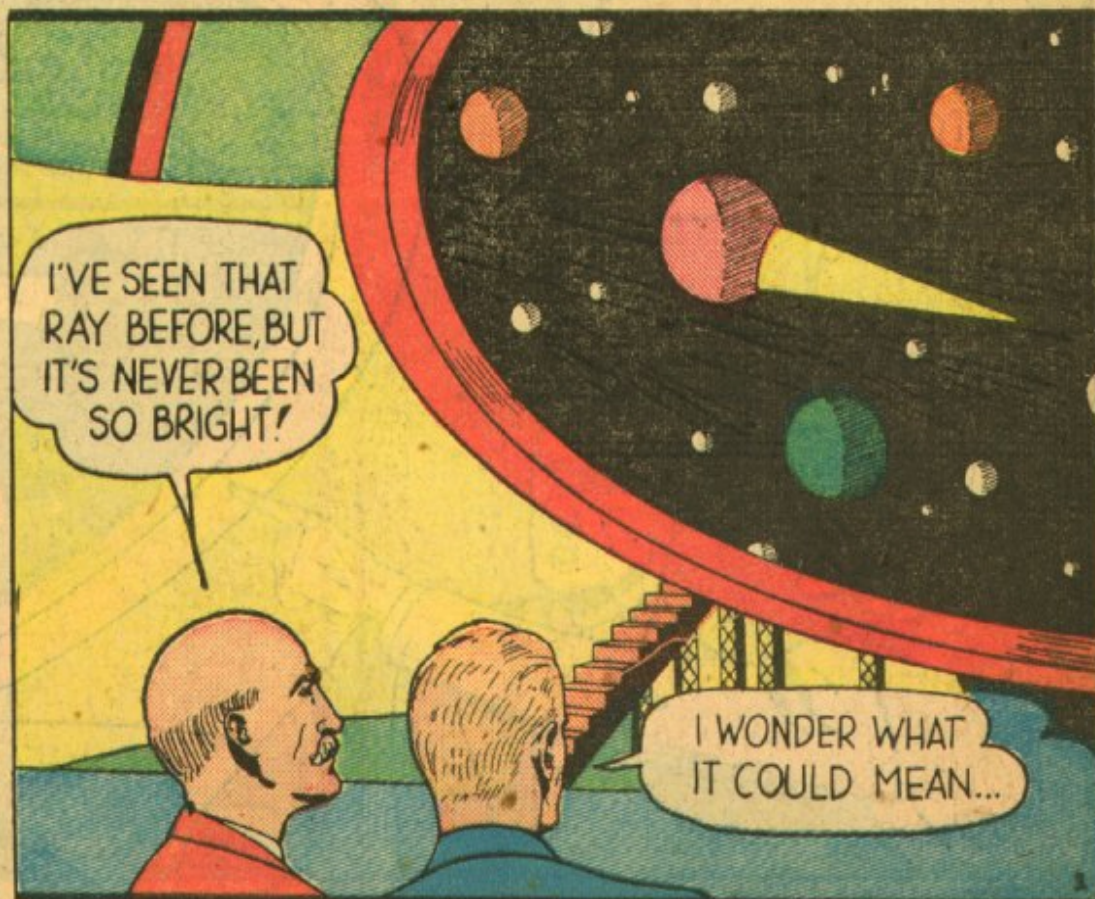
HERE ALSO, THE INTER-PLANETARY POLICE  
ARE COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT  
TO GUARD THE HEAVENS.....



THEIR POWERFUL TELESCOPE SWEEPS THE  
HEAVENS, REPORTING ANY DISTURBANCES  
THAT OCCUR IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.....

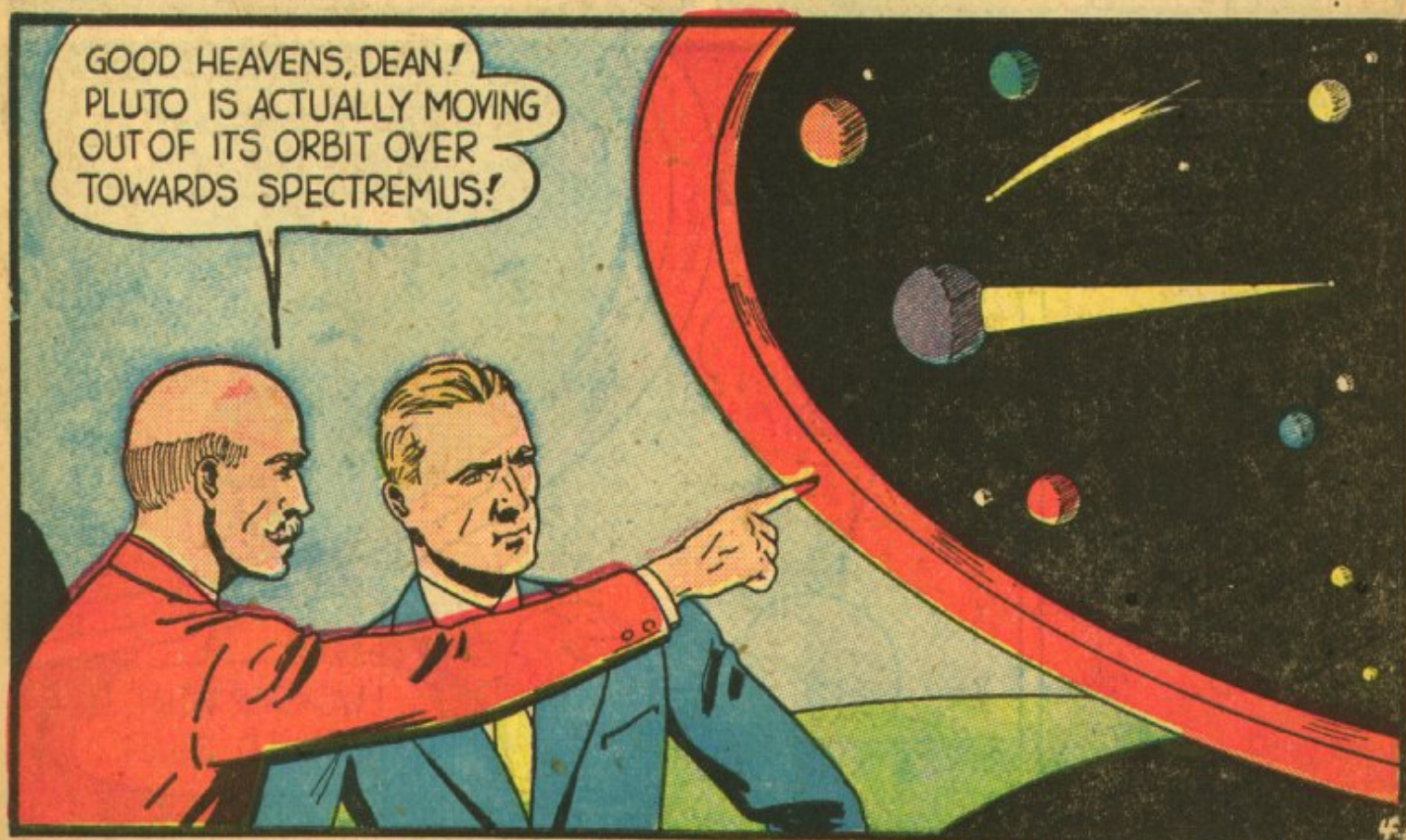
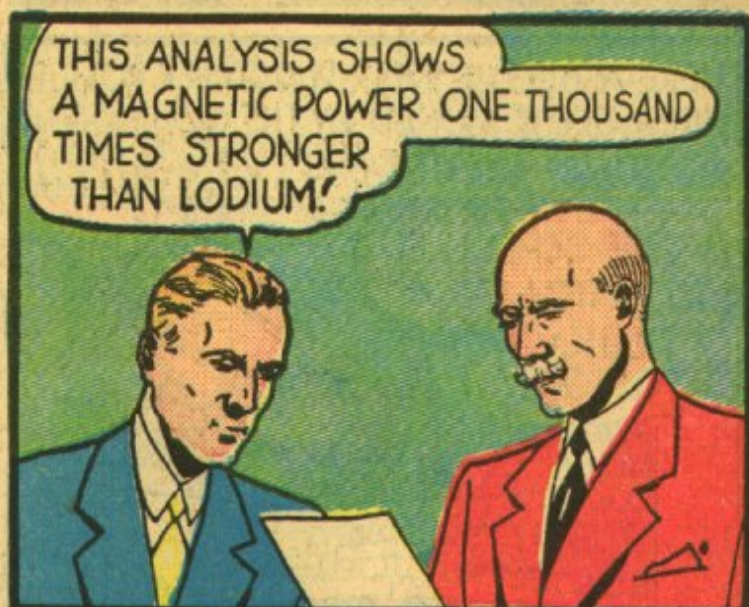
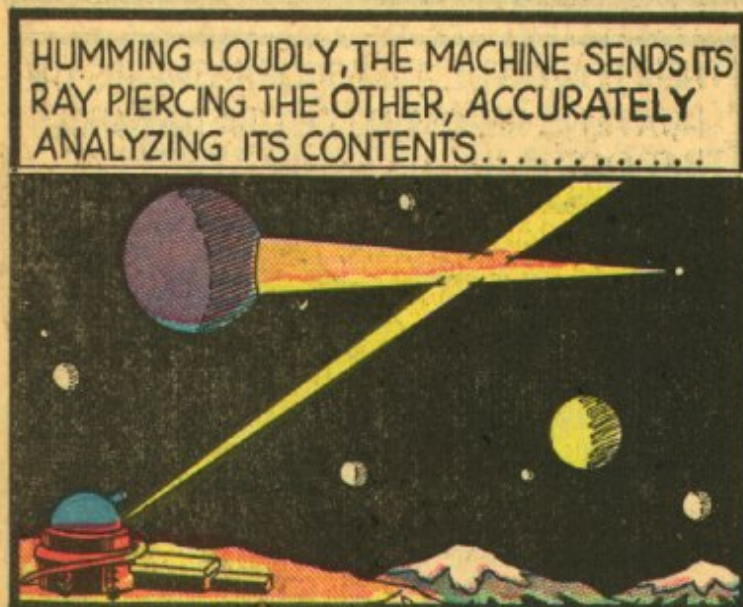
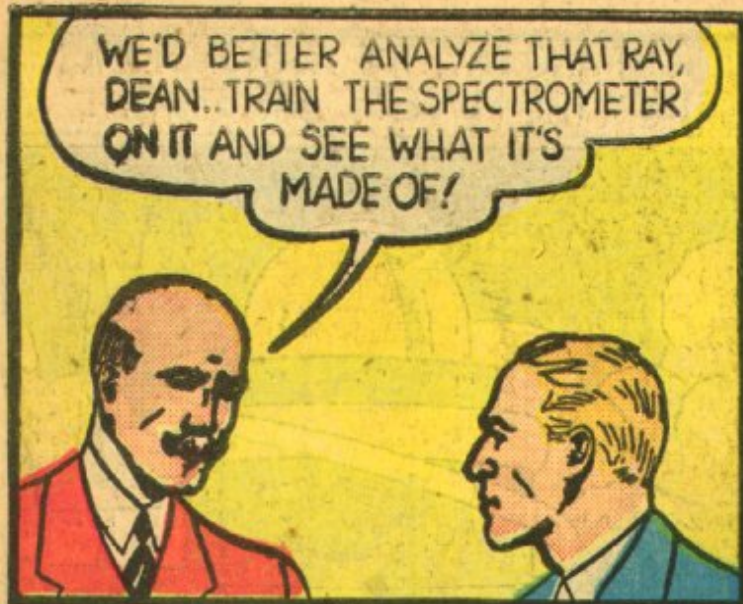


GAZING INTO  
THE HUGE  
VIEWPLATE,  
THE MEN  
NOTICE A  
MYSTERIOUS  
RAY ISSUE  
FROM TINY  
SPECTREMUS  
AND FOCUS  
ON THE  
PLANET  
PLUTO..



I WONDER WHAT  
IT COULD MEAN...







WE MUST NOTIFY THE WORLD  
PRESIDENT AT GENEVA IMMEDIATELY!  
START THE INFRA-RED RAY SENDING  
APPARATUS!



THE INFRA-RED RAY GOES AROUND THE  
EARTH'S SURFACE TO GENEVA.....



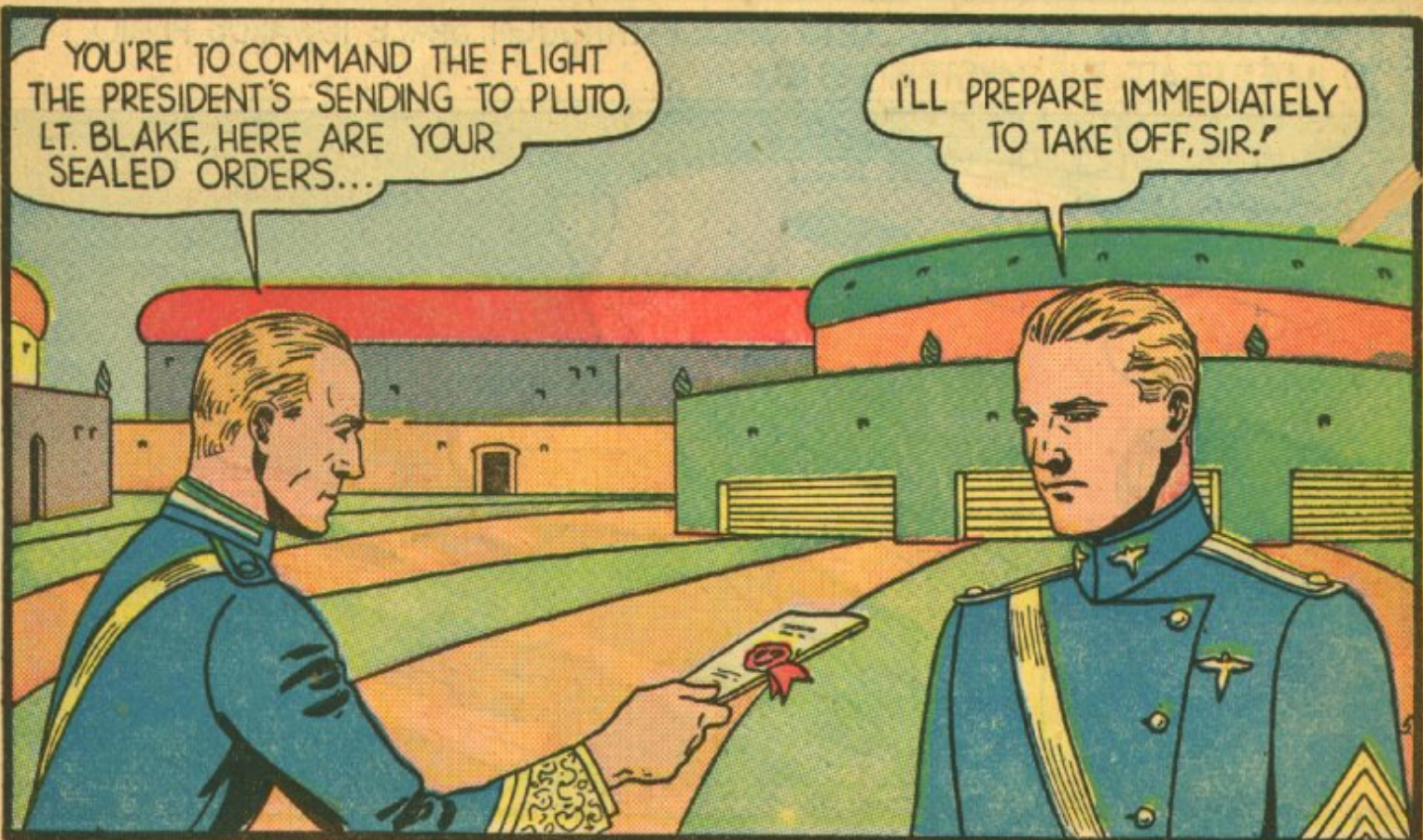
TERRIBLE NEWS, YOUR EXCELLENCY!  
MT. EVEREST REPORTS PLUTO MOVING  
OUT OF ITS ORBIT!



ORDER THREE OF OUR SKY  
DREADNAUGHTS TO PROCEED  
AT ONCE TO PLUTO TO  
INVESTIGATE!

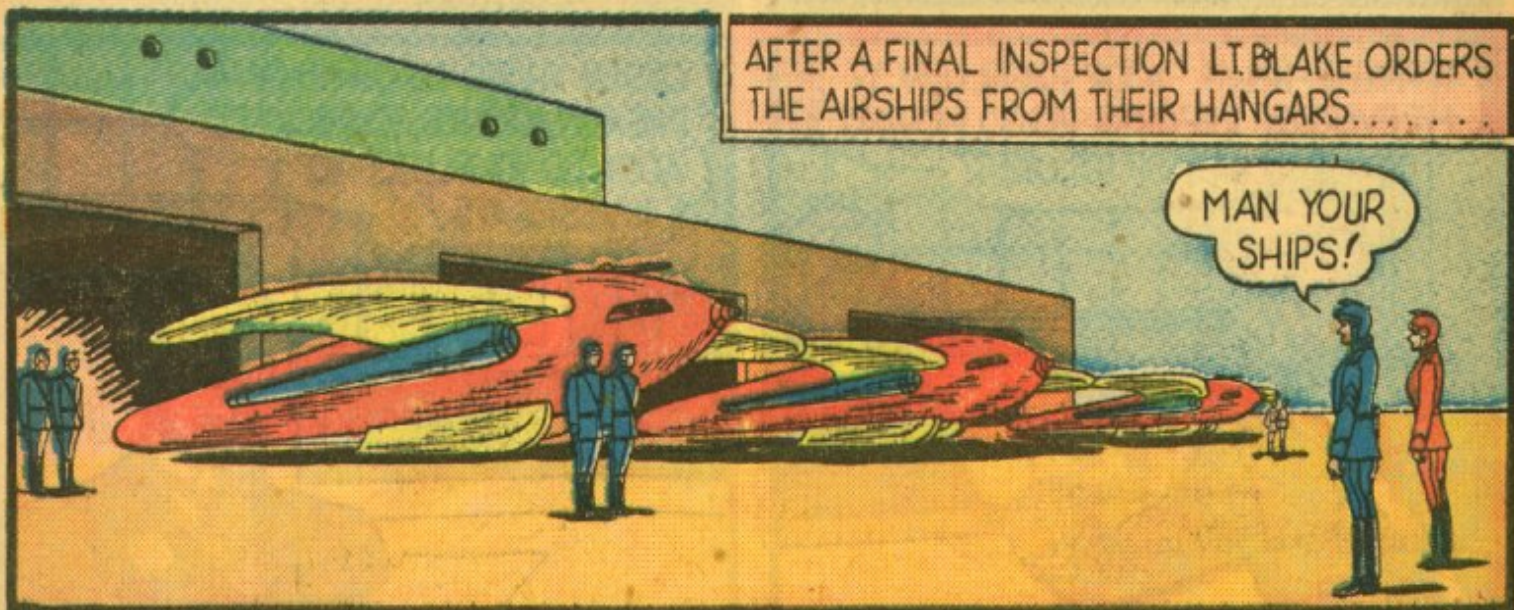


YOU'RE TO COMMAND THE FLIGHT  
THE PRESIDENT'S SENDING TO PLUTO,  
LT. BLAKE, HERE ARE YOUR  
SEALED ORDERS...

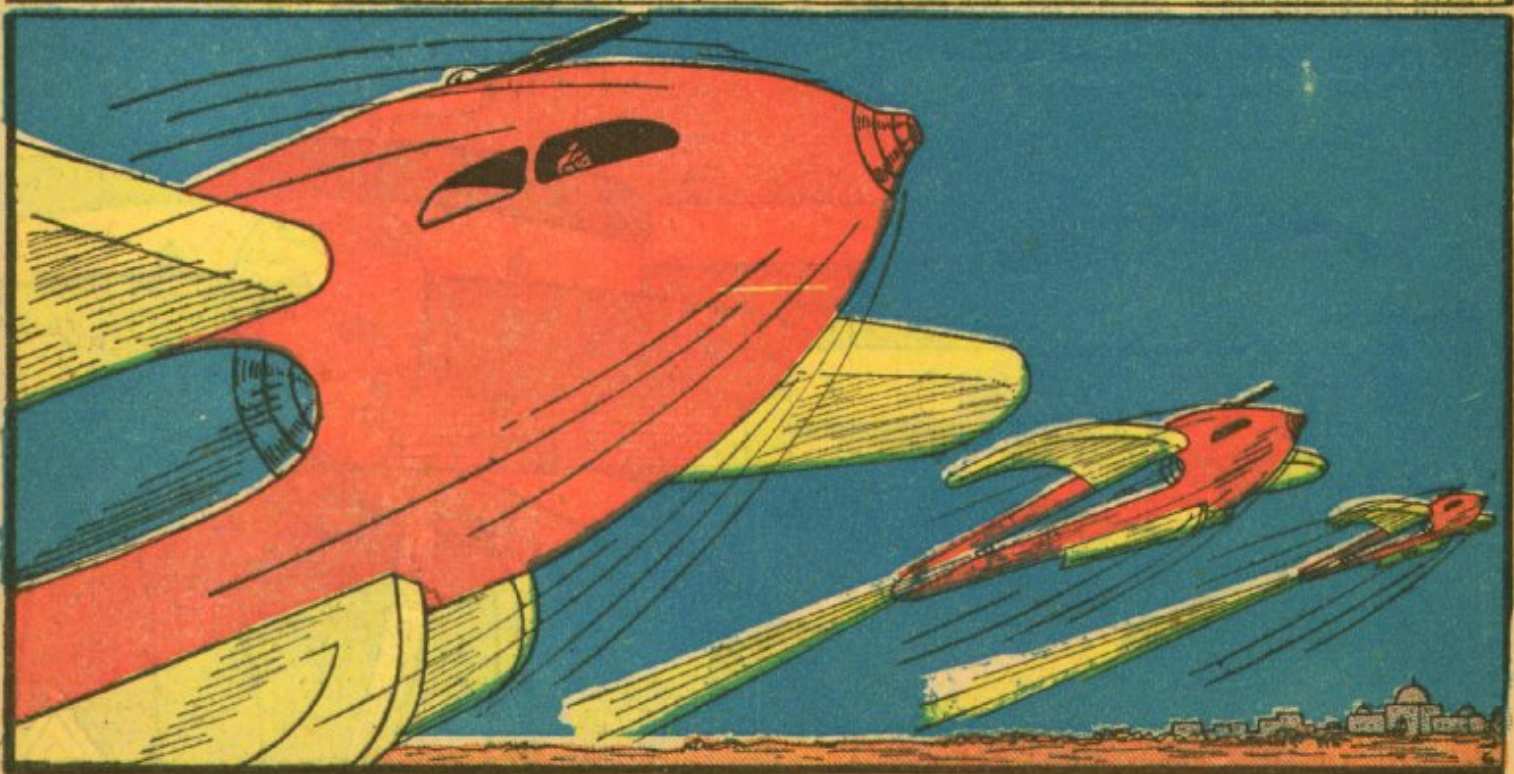


I'LL PREPARE IMMEDIATELY  
TO TAKE OFF, SIR!



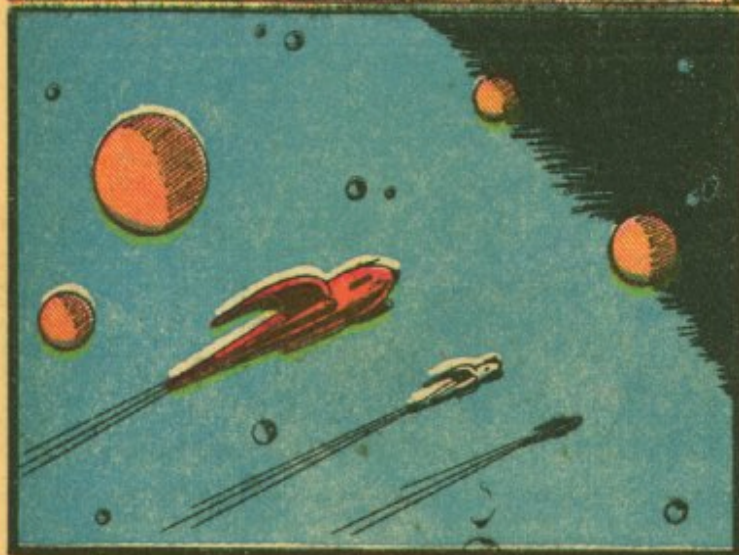


IN A BURST OF SPEED THE ROCKETS SHOOT THROUGH SPACE TOWARDS PLUTO, TO INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERIOUS RAY. . . . .





UP INTO THE STRATOSPHERE ROAR  
THE THREE SHIPS



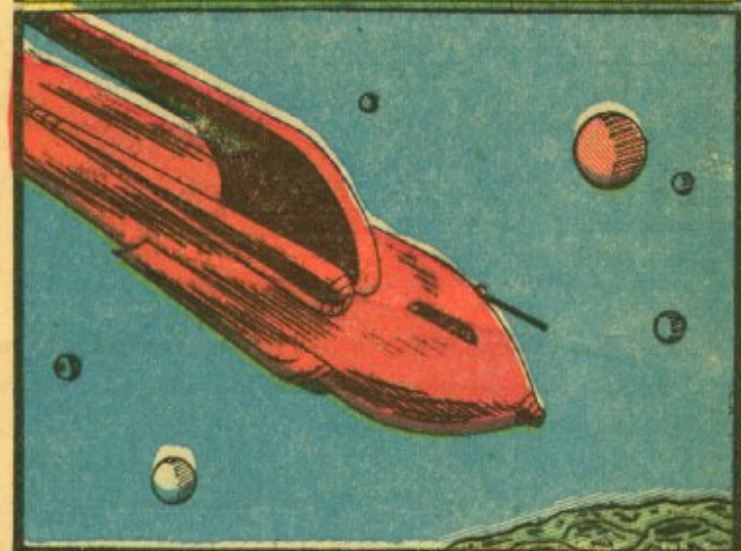
THAT'S MARS BE-  
LOW US! WE'LL  
PASS SATURN IN  
A MINUTE!



THERE'S PLUTO  
NOW! WE'LL HAVE  
TO OVERTAKE IT!



FINALLY OVERTAKING THE RECEDING  
PLANET, THEY POWER-DIVE TO  
A DANGEROUS LANDING.....



DRAWN AWAY  
FROM THE SUN,  
PLUTO QUAKES  
FROM THE COLD-  
ER TEMPERATURE  
THAT BEGIN TO  
DESTROY THE  
PEOPLE AND  
THEIR CIVILIZA-  
TION!

OH! THOSE POOR PEOPLE..  
THEY'RE FREEZING TO  
DEATH!

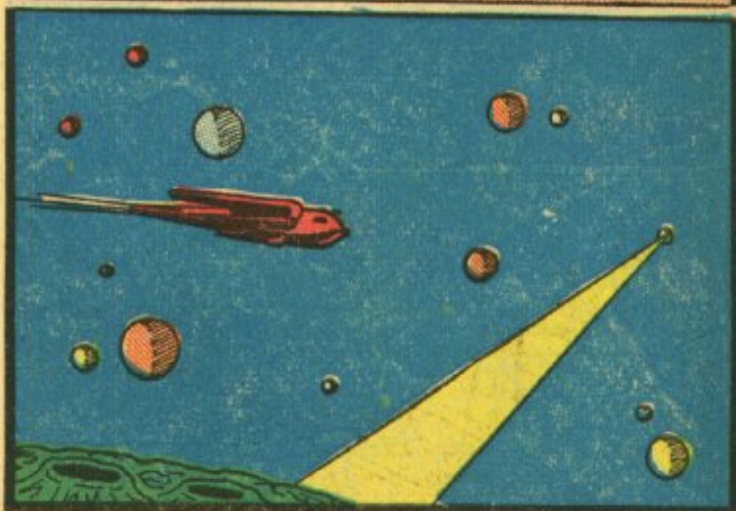




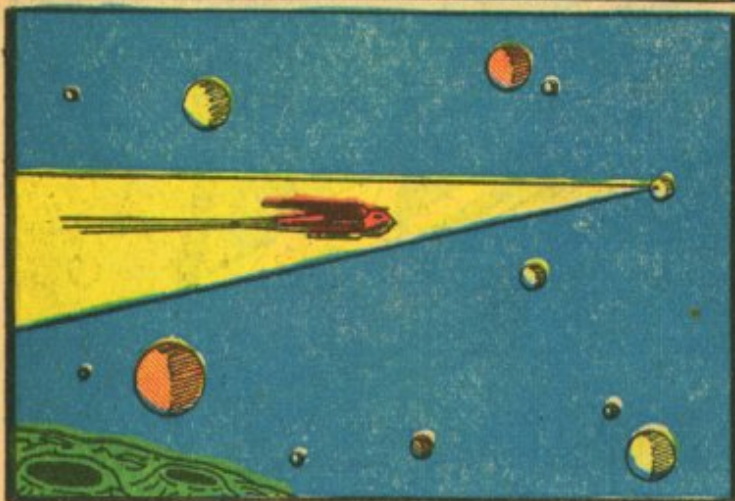
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY WE CAN HELP. COME WE'LL CRUISE AROUND AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.



FLYING OVER PLUTO, THEY SEE THE STRANGE RAY FROM SPECTREMUS! THEY DIVE FOR IT.



SUDDENLY, THE RAY SHIFTS AND THE SHIP IS CAUGHT IN A MAGNETIC FORCE, THAT DRAWS THEM TOWARDS SPECTREMUS...



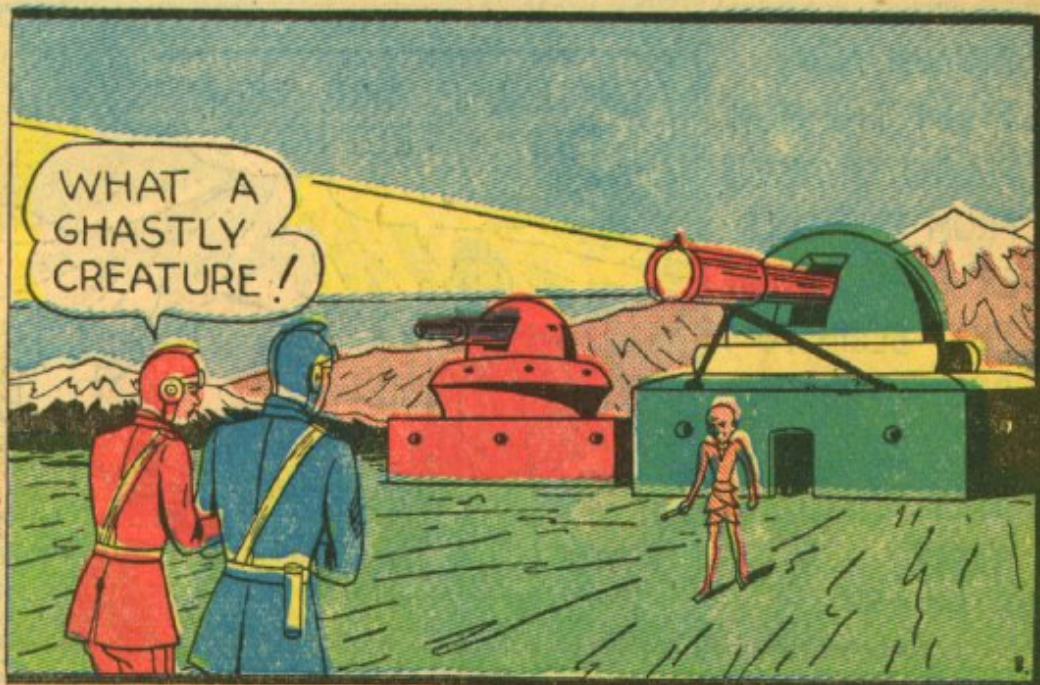
ALL THE INSTRUMENTS ARE DEAD! WE'RE HELPLESS —



UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE POWER OF THE BEAM, THE ROCKET SHIP IS FORCED TO LAND ON THE PLANETOID...

PRESENTLY, A HIDEOUS MAN COMES OUT TO MEET THEM!

WHAT A GHASTLY CREATURE!





WHIPPING OUT A SMALL TORCH, QUORAK POINTS IT AT THEM, PUTTING THEM COUPLE IN HIS POWER.

WELCOME TO SPECTREMUS, MY FRIENDS!

YOU ARE DOOMED TO SEPARATE DEATHS! DID YOU THINK YOU WERE TOO SMART FOR QUORAK?

GARY IS HELPLESS AS JOAN IS SUSPENDED BY RAYS LIKE A FLY IN A SPIDER'S WEB TO DIE A SLOW DEATH BY STARVATION

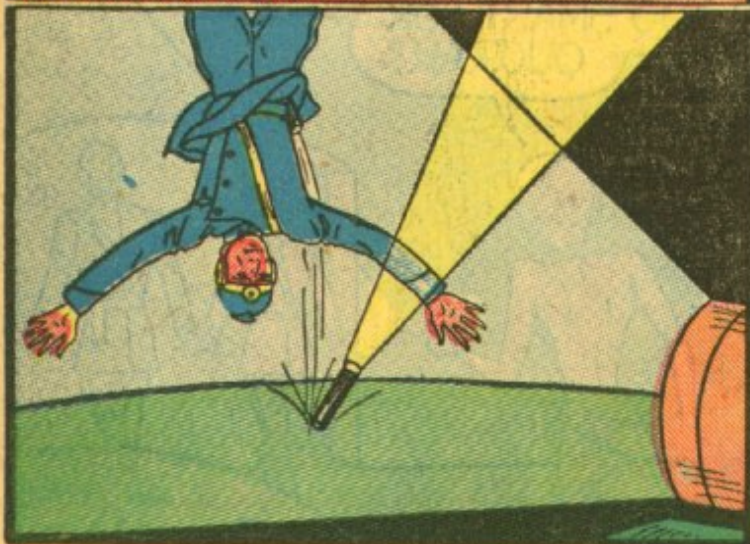
THERE, MY PRETTY MISS, I TRUST YOU WILL ENJOY THIS!

AND YOU, MY BRAVE FRIEND, WILL ENJOY DYING UPSIDE DOWN!

GARY IS HELD SUSPENDED HEAD DOWN BY A POWERFUL MACHINE, TO DIE OF THE PRESSURE OF BLOOD TO HIS HEAD...



SUDDENLY GARY'S ROCKET HEAT RAY DROPS TO THE FLOOR AND ACCIDENTALLY GOES OFF!



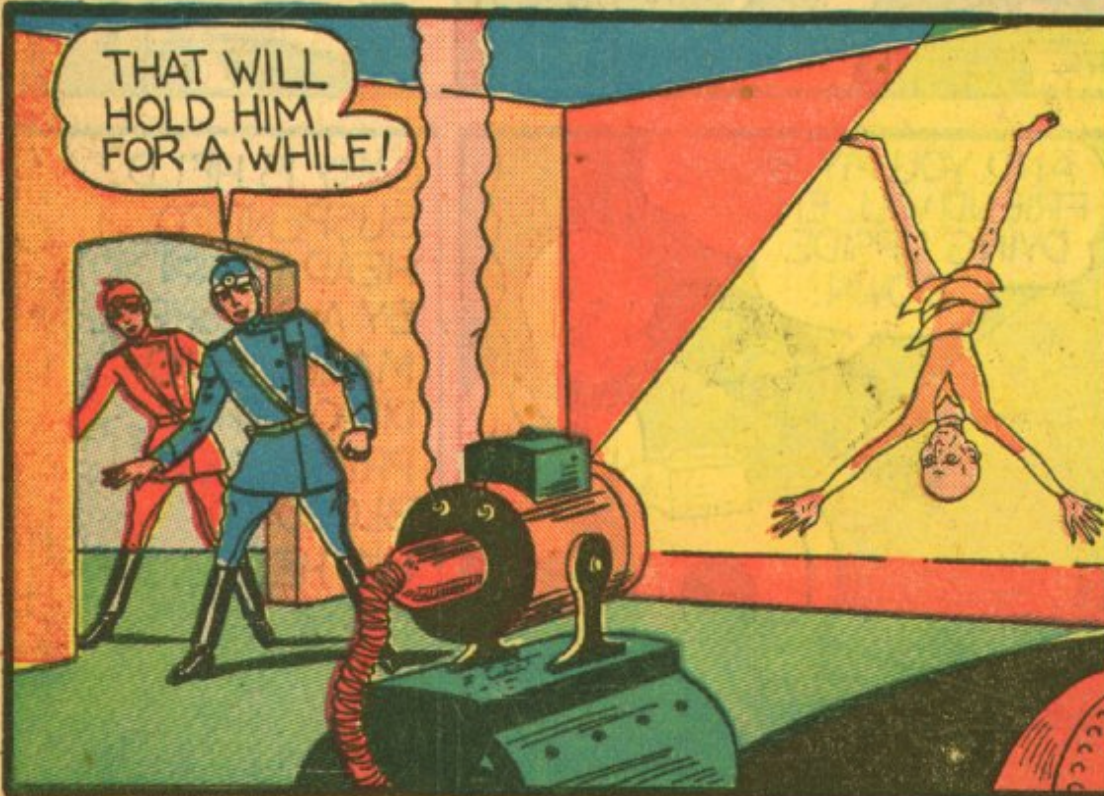
IT'S BEAM BREAKS QUORAK'S RAY AND STUNS HIM!



QUICKLY RESCUING JOAN, GARY CORNERS THE GROGGY MAD-MAN, RENDERING HIM HELPLESS WITH HIS OWN TORCH...



THAT WILL HOLD HIM FOR A WHILE!



LEAVING THE FUMING QUORAK SUSPENDED UPSIDE DOWN, GARY AND JOAN RUN TO THE INNER LABORATORY WHERE THE HUGE RAY IS SLOWLY DRAWING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO SPECTREMUS...

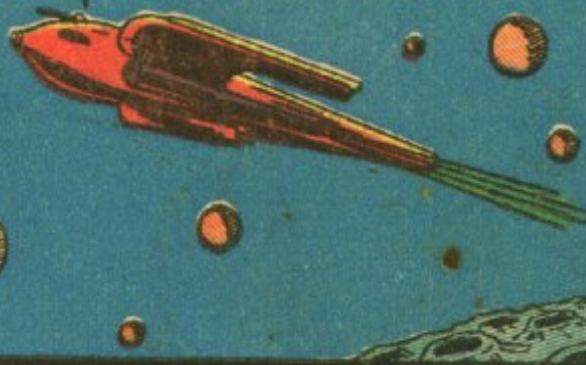


TOGETHER THEY  
DESTROY THE INNER  
LABORATORY, AND  
SET THE LIDIUM  
RAY SO THAT IT  
PENETRATES INTO  
SPECTREMUS!

QUICK! WE'LL GET  
QUORAK AND TAKE HIM  
WITH US. THIS PLACE  
WON'T LAST LONG!



WE JUST GOT OFF IN  
TIME! SPECTREMUS  
SHOULD BLOW UP IN  
A MINUTE!

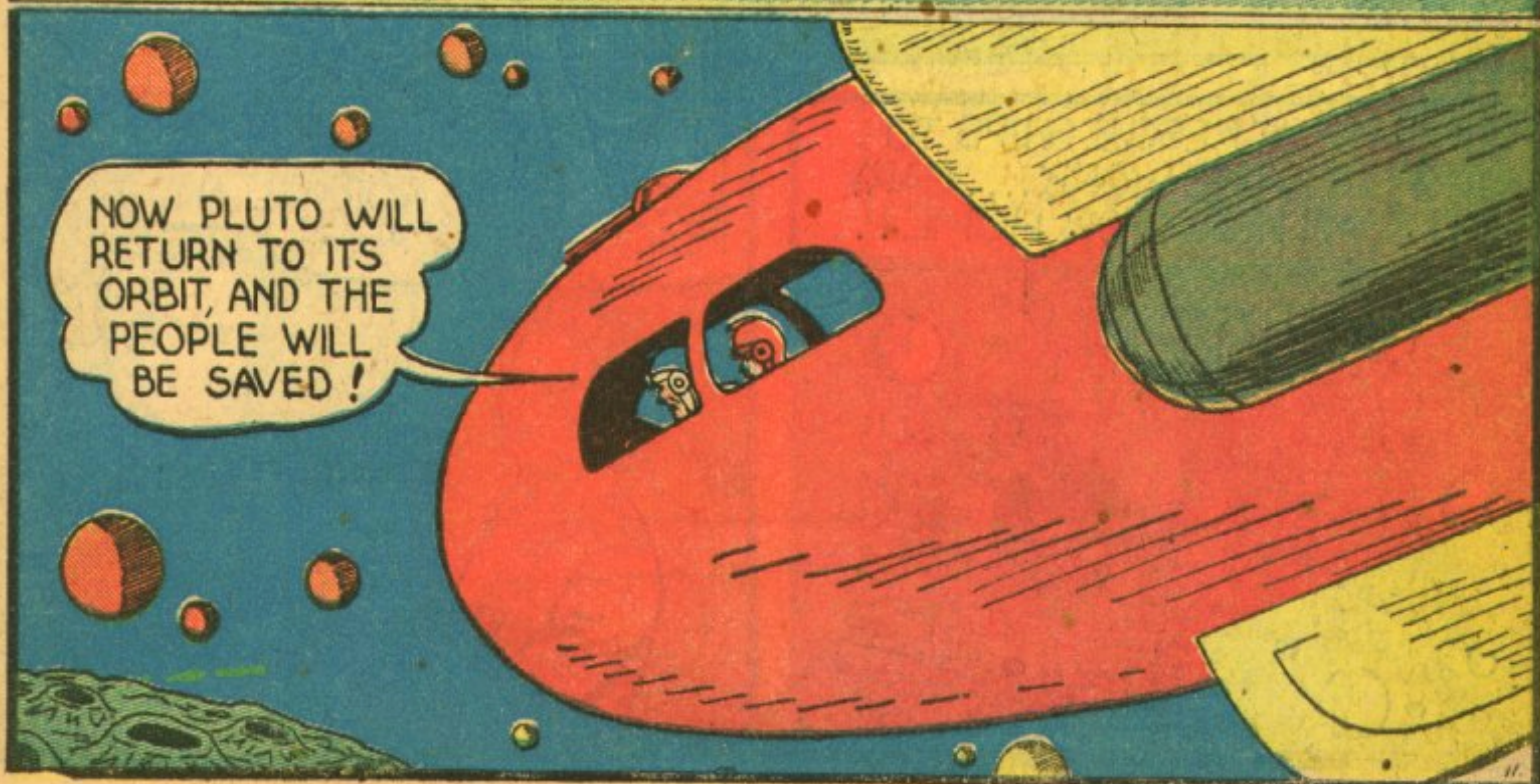


WITH A GIGANTIC ROAR, THE TINY  
GLOBE BURSTS INTO SMITHEREENS..



QUICKLY, THEY FLY BACK TO PLUTO TO REHABILITATE THE PEOPLE, AND  
RESTORE ITS CIVILIZATION.

NOW PLUTO WILL  
RETURN TO ITS  
ORBIT, AND THE  
PEOPLE WILL  
BE SAVED!

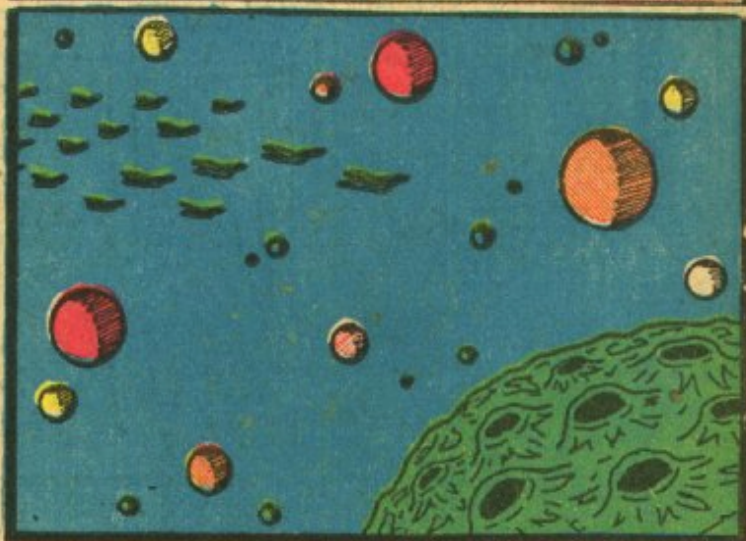




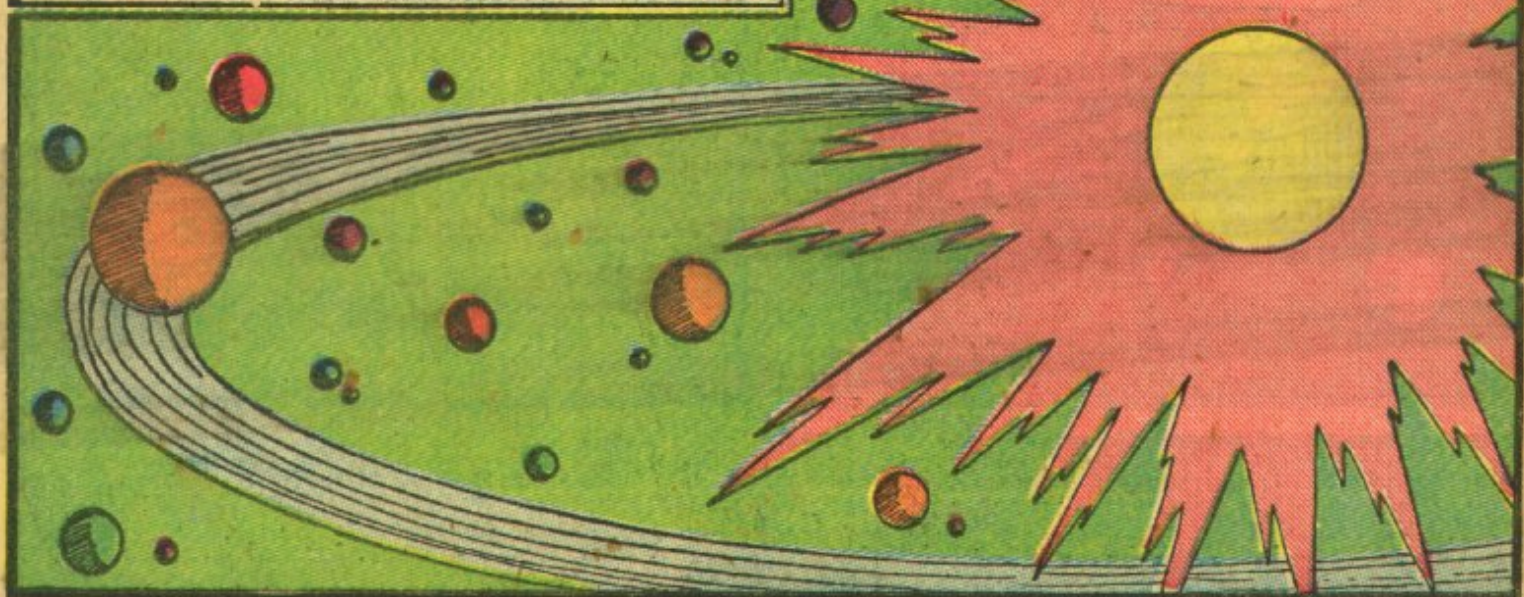
WE'RE LANDING NOW! CONTACT  
EARTH TO SEND AMBULANCE  
SHIPS AND SUPPLIES TO PLUTO  
IMMEDIATELY



IN A FEW HOURS, A FLEET OF RESCUE  
SHIPS ARRIVES ON PLUTO FROM  
HEADQUARTERS AT GENEVA . . . .



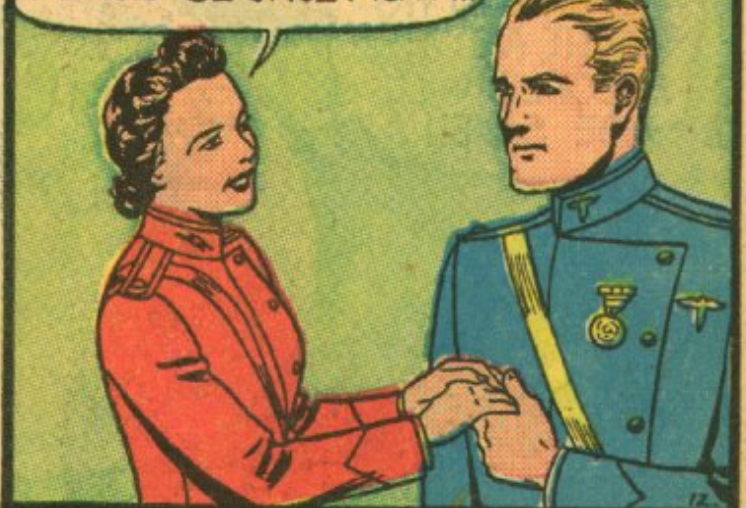
GRADUALLY PLUTO RETURNS TO ITS  
NORMAL ORBIT AROUND THE SUN . . .



LEAVING THE RESCUE SHIPS TO  
COMPLETE THE WORK . . . GARY  
AND JOAN HEAD FOR HOME . . . .



NICE WORK, GARY... QUORAK  
IS SAFELY BEHIND BARS  
AND PLUTO IS NORMAL AND  
PEACEFUL ONCE AGAIN..





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